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## SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

### 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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# MANAGER

GORDON STRACHAN



"THERE IS MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS, WITH THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE DRAW TAKING PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF THIS WEEK, BUT YOU'LL NOT BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT OUR ONLY FOCUS IS ON THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME."

**A** warm welcome to Celtic Park for this afternoon's league match against Falkirk. Both ourselves and Falkirk were involved in entertaining games last weekend which were a further illustration of the healthy state of the game in Scotland.

We would obviously have liked to have taken all three points from Tannadice and, likewise, I'm sure John Hughes would have been disappointed to lose against Hibernian at Easter Road.

So, with both sides aiming to get to winning ways this afternoon, everything's set up for it to be a good game.

Falkirk did very well last season and were unlucky not to have finished in the top six and I'm sure that this is the target for John Hughes and his players this time around. And despite a couple of narrow defeats so far, I would expect them to do well throughout the campaign.

It means that we will have to be at our best to secure all three points this afternoon. Our performance against Dundee United last weekend was certainly an improvement on the opening day of the season although that was the game we did win, and we will be looking to continue in that vein today.

There is much to look forward to in the coming weeks and months, with the Champions League draw taking place towards the end of this week, but you'll not be surprised to hear that our only focus is on this afternoon's game.

It has been that attitude which has served us well these past three seasons and it will continue to be the way we approach this campaign.

We take each game as it comes and so no fixture is more important than today's game against Falkirk. With your support, we will be going all-out to win the match.

# CELTIC FACTFILE



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John Park

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Willie McStay

### Youth team Coach:

John McLaughlan

### Club Doctor:

Derek McCormack

### Kit Controller:

John Clark

## CLUB HONOURS

### Scottish League Winners [42 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, 2007-08

### 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

## CLUB DIRECTORY & HONOURS

Celtic Football Club

Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE

Telephone: 0871 226 1888

Website: www.celticfc.net

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours:

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts,  
white socks

Away strip colours:

Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks

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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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](http://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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  - Gender
  - 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](http://www.celticfc.net).



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# CAPTAIN

## STEPHEN McMANUS



**W**E know that today we face a tough test against Falkirk. John Hughes has got his team playing really well and though they've been unlucky with results at the start of the season, we know that they will be up for the game at Celtic Park.

There's a good mix of young players and more experienced ones in their team, like Jackie McNamara, so we'll have to be at our best to get all three points.

Our performance was much better against Dundee United last weekend and I thought we were unlucky not to get all three points. We're aiming to remedy that this afternoon.

I'd also like to welcome Marc Crosas and Glenn Loovens to the club. Over the past three years the manager has brought in a lot of new players and they have played a vital role in us winning three league titles in a row.

I'm sure that Marc and Glenn will do the same in the seasons to come. It's not hard to understand why they've chosen to come here.

We are the Champions and this club is always challenging

for honours. We are also in the group stages of the Champions League, facing some of the top teams in Europe, and looking to reach at least the last 16 again this time around.

It also means increased competition for places in the squad but that is always what happens at a massive club like Celtic.

As players we accept that and it also means that every player is working hard every day in training and also on the pitch in games.

That's the key to our success here at Celtic and, hopefully, much more will follow in the seasons to come.

STEPHEN McMANUS

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# TODAY'S VISITORS

WORDS: CHERI BURNS

## FALKIRK



**T**ODAY John Hughes' Falkirk side take on Celtic at Celtic Park for the first match between the two teams this season.

The Bairns boss will no doubt have reminded his squad of the three defeats that his squad suffered at the hands of the champions last season, the heaviest coming when the Hoops recorded a 4-0 home win.

Falkirk will also be looking to gain their first victory of the current campaign having suffered narrow defeats at the hands of Rangers and Hibs in their first two fixtures.

Here, we take a look at some of the Falkirk players who may take to the field to face Celtic this afternoon.

### ROBERT OLEJNIK

The Austrian goalkeeper signed for Falkirk from Aston Villa and made 12 league appearances for the club last season. Olejnik got his first international cap when he was called up for the Austrian U-21 squad in late August 2006. Before coming to the SPL, Olejnik had spells at Lincoln City before moving to Villa. The 'keeper will be looking to improve on his performance last week, when he conceded three goals against Hibs.



ROBERT OLEJNIK

### JACKIE McNAMARA



### GERARD AAFJES

A skilful and powerful defender, Aafjes was part of the Ajax academy for three years and left when he was 19-years-old. Born in the Netherlands, his previous clubs include Dutch teams SV Argon and FC Volendam. He signed for Falkirk in July 2007 and made his debut against his former employers, Ajax.

### LEE BULLEN

The defender started his professional career at Stenhousemuir as a striker and scored 46 goals in 70 games. He then went on to play for Australian side Wollongong Wolves, China's Golden and South China and Kalamata of Greece. On returning to Scotland, Bullen joined Dunfermline Athletic in 2000, and then went down south to play with Sheffield Wednesday in 2004. The Scotland internationalist made over 250 appearances for these clubs.

### JACKIE McNAMARA

McNamara, who returns to face his former club, started his career at Dunfermline Athletic. He joined Celtic in 1995 and was named Scottish PFA Young Player of the Year in 1996. In 2004, he was awarded the Football Writers' Player of the Year. During McNamara's 359 games for Celtic, he scored 15 goals. He also featured over 30 times for Scotland. The ex-Celt's previous sides include Wolverhampton Wanderers and he joined John Hughes' men in the summer.

### JOHN STEWART

Stewart signed from Aberdeen in 2006, and was sent out on loan to St Johnstone and then Queen of the South last season. The most noticeable highlight there was scoring the winning goal in a 4-3 win for Queen of the South against Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup semi-final.

### MARK STEWART

Mark Stewart joined the Falkirk Academy from Partick Thistle in 2006. He netted on his debut for Falkirk against Cowdenbeath in the CIS Cup. He was a prolific scorer for the under-19 side. The youngster was sent out on loan to Stranraer for the first part of last season and scored an impressive six goals in eight starts.

### PATRICK CREGG

Irishman Patrick Cregg graduated from the Arsenal academy then signed for Falkirk in January 2006 on an 18-month contract. He was a regular in the Republic of Ireland U19 team and won the Young Player of the Year award for season 2006/07. Last season, he made 38 starts for the team.

### RUSSELL LATAPY

Russell Latapy has won over 100 caps for Trinidad and Tobago and played in the 2006 World Cup. In his career, Latapy has played for seven clubs, including Dundee United and Rangers. Whilst playing in Portugal, he has won a Portuguese league winner's medal with FC Porto and a Portuguese Cup winner's medal with Boavista. In last season's campaign, he scored two goals for the Bairns.

### DARREN BARR

Darren Barr is a graduate of the Falkirk academy. He was crowned the SPL Young Player of the Month in December 2006 and also won the Fans Player of the Year and Players Player of the Year. Barr received his first Scotland call up to the 'B' Squad in February 2007.

### SCOTT ARFIELD

Scott Arfield has played for the reserves and under-19 squad in seasons 2005/06 and 2006/07. He made the step up to the first-team squad during pre season 2007/08 with impressive displays against Millwall, Rangers and Ajax and became a permanent fixture. The midfielder has been capped at both U19 and U21 level for Scotland.

### MICHAEL HIGDON

Liverpool-born Michael Higdon signed from Crewe Alexandra in June 2007 after coming through their youth set-up and scoring 10 goals in 81 appearances for them. He scored on his debut for Falkirk against FC Zwolle. He is a hard-working target man who is also good in the air and offers Falkirk height up front.

# TODAY'S VISITORS

FALKIRK



MICHAEL HIGDON



MARK STAUNTON



GERARD AAFJES

## SCOTT FLINDERS

Keeper Scott Flinders started out at Barnsley as an 18-year-old and made an instant impression after replacing injured Ross Turnbull between the sticks. His good form earned him numerous England Under-20 caps and a £1million move to Crystal Palace in 2006. He was then sent out on loan to Gillingham, Brighton, Yeovil and Blackpool. Flinders signed for Falkirk on a six-month loan deal in August 2008.

## DERMOT McCAFFREY

McCaffrey signed for Falkirk from Hibs earlier this year. In his only appearance for the Hibs, he was sent off. The Irishman has previously been sent out on loan to Queen of the South and Livingston for experience. The defender has also played for the Northern Ireland U-21 team.

## KEVIN McBRIDE

Kevin McBride signed for Darlington in the summer of 2007 from Motherwell and made six appearances for the Quakers. He went on to play for Motherwell while on loan from Celtic in 2004 and won a two-year contract in July 2005. He played



DARREN BARR

53 games for 'Well and scored eight goals. The Scottish midfielder signed for the Bairns in January of this year.

## SCOTT GIBB

Gibb joined the Falkirk academy from Glenavon after impressing in the 2004 Milk Cup. He has been capped by Northern Ireland Under-20s. After being unable to gain a regular place in the Falkirk first team last season, he was sent out on loan to East Stirlingshire for experience.

## CHRIS MITCHELL

The versatile player signed for the Falkirk academy from Livingston after their relegation to the First Division. After just one season in the academy, he has already begun his career in the first team this season. He scored his first goal for the club first goal against Ajax in a pre-season friendly.

## MARK STAUNTON

Mark signed for the academy from Charlton Athletic's Under-19s. Previously, Charlton signed him from Celtic. He graduated from the Falkirk academy in the spring of this year and spent loan spells at both Berwick Rangers and Ayr United before being recalled by John Hughes.

Info from [travellingbairn.co.uk](http://travellingbairn.co.uk)

Attendances...and cautions

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average	Yellow	Red
Aberdeen	12,659	12,659	12,659	12,659	6	0
Dundee Utd	11,648	11,648	11,648	11,648	5	0
Falkirk	6,669	6,669	6,669	6,669	1	0
Celtic	57,441	57,441	57,441	57,441	2	0
Rangers	48,191	48,191	48,191	48,191	4	0
Hamilton	4,385	4,385	4,385	4,385	4	0
Hearts	14,219	14,219	14,219	14,219	5	1
Hibernian	11,817	11,817	11,817	11,817	4	0
Inverness	3,595	3,595	3,595	3,595	2	0
Kilmarnock	6,168	6,168	6,168	6,168	3	0
Motherwell	5,872	5,872	5,872	5,872	2	0
St Mirren	4,176	4,176	4,176	4,176	1	1

Attendances & cards are ordered alphabetically

Goals in...first 15 minutes

	Scored			Conceded		
	0-15	Total	%	0-15	Total	%
Aberdeen	0	1	0.0	0	2	0.0
Dundee Utd	0	2	0.0	0	4	0.0
Falkirk	0	2	0.0	1	4	25.0
Celtic	0	2	0.0	0	1	0.0
Rangers	0	3	0.0	0	0	0.0
Hamilton	0	4	0.0	0	1	0.0
Hearts	0	3	0.0	0	4	0.0
Hibernian	1	3	33.3	0	3	0.0
Inverness	0	2	0.0	0	1	0.0
Kilmarnock	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0
Motherwell	0	2	0.0	0	4	0.0
St Mirren	0	0	0.0	0	1	0.0

Form guide...results so far

Club	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	GI Diff	Sequence
Hamilton	2	0	0	4	1	6	3	WW
Rangers	2	0	0	3	0	6	3	WW
Celtic	1	1	0	2	1	4	1	DW
Kilmarnock	1	1	0	1	0	4	1	DW
Inverness	1	0	1	2	1	3	1	LW
Hibernian	1	0	1	3	3	3	0	WL
Hearts	1	0	1	3	4	3	-1	LW
Aberdeen	1	0	1	1	2	3	-1	WL
St Mirren	0	1	1	0	1	1	-1	DL
Dundee Utd	0	1	1	2	4	1	-2	DL
Falkirk	0	0	2	2	4	0	-2	LL
Motherwell	0	0	2	2	4	0	-2	LL

Ordered by points gained over games so far this season. Most recent result to right of sequence.

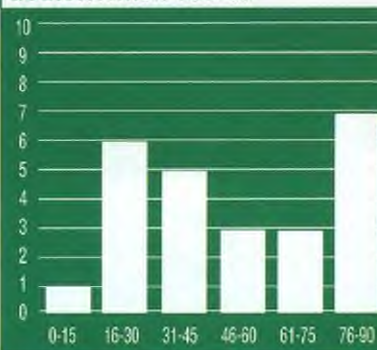
Goals from...set piece routines

	Scored			Conceded		
	Corner	FK	Tot	Corner	FK	Tot
Aberdeen	0	1	1	0	0	0
Dundee Utd	0	0	0	0	2	2
Falkirk	0	0	0	0	1	1
Celtic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	0	2	2	0	0	0
Hearts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hibernian	0	1	1	0	0	0
Inverness	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilmarnock	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motherwell	0	0	0	0	1	1
St Mirren	0	0	0	0	0	0

Ratios...and records

	<b>Best goalkeeping</b>	<b>Glasgow Rangers</b>	<b>Highest Attendance</b>	57,441
	Total goals conceded	0		Celtic v St Mirren
	Opposition shots on target	7	<b>Lowest Attendance</b>	3,595
	Percentage of shots saved	0.0		Inverness v Hamilton
	<b>Best strike</b>	<b>Hibernian</b>	<b>Average Gate</b>	16,606
	Total goals scored	3	<b>Aggregate Attendance</b>	182,664
Shots on target	7	<b>Total Games</b>	12	
Percentage of shots scored	42.9	<b>Home Wins</b>	6 (50%)	
	<b>Worst goalkeeping</b>	<b>Motherwell</b>	<b>Away Wins</b>	4 (33%)
	Total goals conceded	4	<b>Draws</b>	2 (17%)
	Opposition shots on target	9	<b>1-1 Draws</b>	1 (8%)
Percentage of shots saved	55.6	<b>0-0 Draws</b>	1 (8%)	
	<b>Worst strike</b>	<b>St Mirren</b>	<b>Total Cards</b>	Yellow 38
	Total goals scored	0		Red 1
	Shots on target	5		
Percentage of shots scored	0.0			

Goals...when scored



Top...scorers

Scorer	Club	SPL	CIS	SFA	EU	Tot	Gms	Ave
Michael Higdon	Falkirk	2	0	0	0	2	2	1.00
David Clarkson	Motherwell	2	0	0	0	2	2	1.00
Colin Nish	Hibernian	2	0	0	0	2	4	0.50

19 players on 1 goal



Michael Higdon & David Clarkson have both scored 2 goals in 2 games and lead the goalscoring chart.

Goals in...last 15 minutes

	Scored			Conceded		
	76-90	Total	%	76-90	Total	%
Aberdeen	1	1	100.0	1	2	50.0
Dundee Utd	1	2	50.0	0	4	0.0
Falkirk	0	2	0.0	0	4	0.0
Celtic	0	2	0.0	1	1	100.0
Rangers	1	3	33.3	0	0	0.0
Hamilton	0	4	0.0	0	1	0.0
Hearts	1	3	33.3	2	4	50.0
Hibernian	0	3	0.0	1	3	33.3
Inverness	1	2	50.0	0	1	0.0
Kilmarnock	1	1	100.0	0	0	0.0
Motherwell	1	2	50.0	2	4	50.0
St Mirren	0	0	0.0	0	1	0.0

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# Celtic v Falkirk



## Where & How Scored

Close range	0
Inside 18yd box	2
Outside 18yd box	0
Shots	1
Headers	0
Volleys	0
Penalties	1
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	0

## When Scored



## Where & How Scored

Close range	0
Inside 18yd box	2
Outside 18yd box	0
Shots	1
Headers	1
Volleys	0
Penalties	0
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	0

## Top Goalscorer

### Hartley



league goals	1
cup goals	0
total goals	1
games played	2

## Falkirk's last 10 years



## Top Goalscorer

### Higdon



league goals	2
cup goals	0
total goals	2
games played	2

## Results So Far

opponents	h/a	score
Dundee Utd	A	1-1
St Mirren	H	1-0

Form Guide: **DW**

## Seasonal Progress Comparison



## Results So Far

opponents	h/a	score
Hibernian	A	2-3
Rangers	H	0-1

Form Guide: **LL**

## Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	0
Conceded from free kick	0
Scored from corner	0
Conceded from corner	0
Fouls committed	27
Average per game	13.5
Yellow cards	2
Red cards	0

## Last meeting at Celtic Park

Celtic	4-0	Falkirk
<b>McDonald 9 (pen)</b> <b>McGeady 41, 67, 82</b>		
Attendance: 54,291	Referee: McDonald	
Brown, Caldwell, Pressley (O'Dea 77), McManus, Hartley, Donati, Brown Sc (Sno 84), Conroy, McGeady, Vennegoor of Hesselink (Killen 80), McDonald	Krul, Holden, Aafjes, Cregg (Riera 67), Barr, Milne, Arfield, Thomson, Barrett (Scobbie 66), Moutinho, Higdon (Latapy 75)	
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Net proceeds raised from ticket sales are invested in the Club's Youth Development Programme, something which has seen great results in recent years.

John Maguire, Head of Celtic Pools, said: "With a top prize of £8,500, the Paradise Windfall is unlike any other Matchday Lottery in UK Football.

"Not only can supporters have the chance to win this phenomenal amount, they can rest assured that proceeds are invested back into Celtic Football Club's Youth Academy with the aim of developing our new stars of the future. It really is a win-win situation for our fans."

So make sure you get your Paradise Windfall ticket at this Sunday's game against St Mirren to be in with a chance of winning £8,500.

And it was fitting that Aiden McGeady was the Celtic player chosen to promote the launch of the Paradise Windfall draw for the season ahead.

With the jackpot now standing at a staggering £8,500, more Hoops supporters than ever are parting with £1.00 to participate in football's most successful matchday lottery, proceeds of which go towards the club's Youth Academy set-up.

Over the last 12 years, this money has helped produce a host of top-team stars from the youth ranks, with McGeady being one of the shining lights.



## DELIGHT FOR WINDFALL WINNERS



**T**HE first Paradise Windfall draw at the Manchester City game was won by Michael Doherty from Coatbridge.

The Celtic fan scooped the top prize of £8,500 in the draw, which was made by Peter McGovern from Hamilton, a Celtic Pools agent who recently won £4,400 with the Pools.

The winning number was: G1408. The other numbers were: R1655; M3343; J2718; C2275.

And at Sunday's game against St Mirren, James Connelly from Wishaw was the top prize winner.

The draw was made by boxer Michael Gomez, along with Summera Shaheen of The Diamond Suite, sponsors of the Paradise Windfall draw.

The winning number was E1984. The other tickets draw were: E2059; F3254; R3387; C1726.



MARK WILSON



# TOTAL FOOTBALL

MARK WILSON BELIEVES THAT TODAY'S GAME WILL ENTERTAIN THE FANS AS IT FEATURES TWO SIDES WHO WANT TO PLAY THE BEAUTIFUL GAME THE RIGHT WAY


**IT'S the pass masters against the young pretenders. Mark Wilson believes one game will really capture the imagination of the football purists in Scotland today and that's the clash between Celtic and Falkirk at Celtic Park.**

The Hoops, as champions, are viewed as the best attacking team in Scotland. With players like Aiden McGeady and Shunsuke Nakamura pulling the strings, Celtic regularly provide the best entertainment in the country.

Yet, John Hughes' Falkirk are one of the most progressive teams in the SPL. With plenty of promising talent, and a few old heads, the Bairns are coming of age and playing with style.

"Falkirk play the same way home and away, and it should be a game with plenty of passing," said Wilson, speaking exclusively to the Matchday Programme.

"That's the style of both sides and I can't see many balls being played back to front this afternoon. It should be a game that is pleasing on the eye.

"Our games against Falkirk in the past have been quite open and hopefully it will be the same again. I don't think it's in their style to park 10 men behind the ball. They normally come to Celtic Park and give it a go and that makes for a good battle. 

"I've not seen too much of them this season, but they play great football and have always been well-organised since they came into the SPL."

While his batch of promising youngsters again did well in the league last season, Falkirk manager Hughes actively sought experience during the summer and managed to add Lee Bullen, Neil McCann and Jackie McNamara.

Having spent close to a decade at Celtic Park, former Hoops captain McNamara is assured a warm welcome today and Wilson admitted the full-back had a big influence on his own career.

"Jackie is a player I really admire," said Wilson. "When he signed for Celtic in 1995, I was going to every game as a supporter and I loved watching him.

"Along with Simon Donnelly and the other homegrown players, Jackie was someone to look up to. I wasn't a right-back in those days, but he was still one of my favourite players.

"Even when I started as a professional and Jackie was still playing with Celtic, I always admired him. It was amazing for someone to stay at Celtic for so long, have so much success and then become captain.

"I'm sure Jackie will go a great job for Falkirk. He seems to have started really well this season and he'll help all the good young players at the club.

"He's one of their top players, but he's got so much experience and loads of Scotland caps. That kind of influence will be invaluable for Falkirk."

"Magnificent" was how manager Gordon Strachan

**"EVEN WHEN I STARTED AS A PROFESSIONAL AND JACKIE WAS STILL PLAYING WITH CELTIC, I ALWAYS ADMIRE HIM."**



described Wilson's performance against Dundee United last weekend and the full-back was delighted to get 90 minutes under his belt in the 1-1 draw.

With Lee Naylor injured, Wilson took his place on the left side of the Celtic back four and bombed up and down the wing for fun.

He defended well throughout the match and also helped set up Paul Hartley's goal, whipping over a deep cross for Shunsuke Nakamura, who then teed up his fellow midfielder for a rare strike.

"It was good to hear what the manager said," smiled a modest Wilson. "Getting praise from coaches or fellow professionals is always pleasing, but obviously the manager is the top man.

"I felt comfortable on the left. I managed to dig a few decent crosses out as well and that was a boost.

"I've been doing a bit of work on crossing with my left foot in training. If there's a chance of me playing at left-back, I need to do that, and hopefully the work will pay off.

"It was great to get 90 minutes under my belt last weekend. I hadn't played a full game in the league for a while

and it was satisfying to get the 90 minutes.

"Unfortunately, Lee Naylor got injured but I had to be ready to step in and that's what I did. I felt good, probably as fit as I have in a long while, and it was just good to get the game under my belt.

"I did feel stronger as the game progressed and I think that's down to the structure of the pre-season programme put in place by the manager and the coaching staff.

"It's designed to help us as games go on. Over the years, Celtic have always finished strong in matches and we had a few late chances to win the game last weekend."

With the Celtic squad growing stronger with every passing week, Wilson is currently locked in a fierce battle for one of the full-back positions.

Last season, the Hoops had a major injury crisis at right-back. At present, Wilson, Paul Caddis, Joe Doumbe and Andreas Hinkel are all fighting for the jersey.

Given that the above quartet can also play left-back, the Hoops manager has a variety of options at his disposal.

Wilson said: "It's great competition and it's rare that you'll find so many players going for two positions. Last season, we



had real injury problems in the full-back areas, but I'm sure the manager would rather have this sort of dilemma.

"There are five or six of us going for the full-back positions and it keeps you on your toes. It's a good thing and while we all want each other to play well, there is also a real battle going on.

"We are all desperate to get in the team and we are all trying to do our best to get the nod. When the chance comes, it's up to you to take it."

Wilson hasn't had his injury troubles to seek in the last few years, but seems refreshed and strong as the new season gathers pace and hopes to make a massive contribution for Celtic this season.

"All I'm hoping for is to stay injury-free," he said. "I want to play as many games as possible and be involved as much as I can. That's basically my main aim.

"Squad-wise, I think we're looking really strong. We've got a lot of players battling for every position in the team and that can only be good for the club.

"I felt we had a good squad last season, but with the additions the manager has made, it's even stronger now. There might even be a few more arrivals and I think we're all confident about the season ahead."



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# On This Day In History

1880

**One of the game's great schemers and a man instrumental in Celtic's successes at the beginning of the last century, Jimmy 'Napoleon' McMenemy, was born in Rutherglen on this day.**

Blessed with a ferocious shot, outstanding heading ability and a fairly nifty turn of pace, McMenemy's greatest talent was his ability to dictate the pace of a game and bring out the best in his team-mates with his vision and influence.

In a Celtic career spanning 18 years, he was the inside forward in the six-in-a-row team of 1905-10 and during four-in-a-row in 1914-17.

He also served as a coach at the club between 1934 and 1940 and is rightly regarded as a true Celtic great.

1890

**The 1890/91 season started with a bang as Celtic hammered five past Hearts in a dramatic 5-0 away win.**

The win set the tone for the year ahead, with Celtic recording a number of high-scoring victories that year, including a 9-1 drubbing of Vale of Leven.

The goalscorers in the opening day, five star showing were Johnny Madden (2), Willie Groves (2) and Peter Dowds.

1973

**A love affair which would last for 35 years officially started on this day as Tommy Burns signed his first professional contract at Celtic Park. Born just along the**

**road from Celtic Park, Burns had been a boyhood Celtic supporter, before being signed by Jock Stein.**

He made his debut two years later as a substitute against Dundee and went on to make 500 appearances, scoring 81 goals and establishing himself as a Celtic great.

After a highly successful spell as manager of Kilmarnock, Burns returned to Celtic Park as manager in 1994 and went on to serve as first-team coach and Head of the Youth Academy and was instrumental in the establishment of the Lennoxtown Training Centre.

His passing, after a brave fight against cancer, on May 15 this year united the Celtic family in grief, with thousands lining the streets between Paradise and the nearby church of St Mary's, Calton.

2003

**An Alan Thompson penalty sealed all three points in a 2-1 win over Partick Thistle the last time that Celtic were in action on this day.**

All three goals in 2003 came in a dramatic first half at Firhill, with Paul Lambert opening the scoring in the eighth minute before the pint-sized James Grady levelled for the home side 18 minutes later.

Then, with just a minute remaining in the first half, Thompson stepped up to rifle home the winner from the spot, with Celtic going on to lift the last championship of Martin O'Neill's reign as manager at the end of the season.

PAUL LAMBERT



## HELLO

- 1754** King Louis XVI of France, also known as 'Louis the Last', is born. He was later executed in 1793 after being found guilty of treason.
- 1946** Keith John Moon, legendary drummer in The Who, is born.
- 1974** Actor, Ray Park, better known as Darth Maul in the *Star Wars* movies, is born in Glasgow.

## TIMELINE

- 1305** Scottish patriot, William Wallace, is executed for high treason in London.
- 1948** The World Council of Churches, a Christian organisation, is formed. In the words of Father Jack: 'That would be an Ecumenical matter'.
- 1990** Armenia becomes a nation, declaring independence from the Soviet Union.

## NO. 1s ON THIS DAY

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| <b>1952</b> | Vera Lynn and Alma Cogan | <i>The Homing Waltz</i>  |
| <b>1957</b> | Elvis Presley            | <i>All Shook Up</i>  |
| <b>1962</b> | Frank Ifield             | <i>I Remember You</i>  |
| <b>1967</b> | Scott McKenzie           | <i>San Francisco (Be Sure To Wear Some Flowers In Your Hair)</i> |
| <b>1972</b> | Alice Cooper             | <i>School's Out</i>  |
| <b>1977</b> | Brotherhood of Man       | <i>Angelo</i>  |
| <b>1982</b> | Dexy's Midnight Runners  | <i>Come On Eileen</i>  |
| <b>1987</b> | Michael Jackson          | <i>I Just Can't Stop Loving You</i>                              |
| <b>1992</b> | Snap                     | <i>Rhythm Is A Dancer</i>  |
| <b>1997</b> | Will Smith               | <i>Men In Black</i>  |
| <b>2002</b> | Darius                   | <i>Colourblind</i>   |
| <b>2007</b> | Robyn with Kleerup       | <i>With Every Heartbeat</i>                                      |

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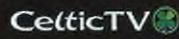


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# BILLY McNEILL

## THE GOLDEN YEARS

**BORN:** March 2, 1940 in Bellshill.

**CAREER:** Mossend Primary; Hereford Schools; Our Lady's High;

**CELTIC** - August 20, 1957; (Farmed out to Blantyre Vics);

Retired - May 3, 1975; Clyde Manager - April 1 1977; Aberdeen

Manager - June 9, 1977; **CELTIC** Manager - May 29, 1978;

Manchester City Manager - June 30, 1983; Aston Villa Manager

- September 22, 1986; **CELTIC** Manager - May 28, 1987 - to

May 22, 1991.

### CELTIC PLAYING STATS:

	<b>Apps</b>	<b>Goals</b>
League:	486	22
League Cup:	138	2
Scottish Cup:	94	7
Europe:	72	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>34</b>

**CELTIC DEBUT:** August 23, 1958, League Cup v Clyde at Celtic Park - 2-0 for Celtic

**FINAL GAME:** May 3, 1975, Scottish Cup Final v Airdrie at Hampden - 3-1 for Celtic

**FIRST GOAL:** March 4, 1961, League v Ayr United at Somerset - 3-1 for Celtic

**FINAL GOAL:** November 16, 1974, League v Airdrie at Celtic Park - 6-0 for Celtic

### CELTIC PLAYING HONOURS:

**Scottish League Champions:** **NINE** times (all-in-a-row)  
1965/66 - 1974/75

**Scottish Cup Winners:** 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975.

**League Cup Winners:** 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69,  
1969/70, 1974/75.

**European Cup:** 1967

### CELTIC MANAGEMENT HONOURS:

1979 Scottish League Champions

1980 Scottish Cup Winners v Rangers

1981 Scottish League Champions

1982 Scottish League Champions

1983 League Cup Winners v Rangers

1988 Scottish League Champions

1988 Scottish Cup Winners v Dundee United

1989 Scottish Cup Winners v Rangers

### SCOTLAND PLAYING HONOURS

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- The **ONLY** Lisbon Lion **NEVER** to have played for another club
- **ONLY** missed **FIVE** out of a possible 80 Euro matches (inc Racing Club matches)
- First Briton to lift the European Cup
- Led team to every trophy possible in 1967
- Played in 282 out of a possible 306 Nine-In-A-Row matches
- Awarded MBE in November 1974
- Managed Celts to League & Cup Double in the Centenary Season
- Named as Glasgow's Sportsman of the Millennium 1999
- Produced three books: *For Celtic and Scotland 1966, Back to Paradise 1988 and Hail Cesar 2004.*





# IN A LEAGUE OF HIS OWN

WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

AS FAR AS TITLES GO, CESAR AND KING BILLY WERE OKAY BUT NOT AS GOOD AS THE NINE TITLES IN A ROW!

**ONLY** Alec McNair with a 21-year career and Paul McStay who played for 15 years in the top flight have made more league appearances for Celtic than Billy McNeill...

But when the teenage McNeill made his league debut in 1958, he could little have imagined the success was to follow for both him and Celtic in the coming years, especially after initial league campaigns were disappointing to say the least - 694 3438 was not a helpline number, the digits represent Celtic's final league placings in Big Billy's career before the Bhoys dialed the magic number 999 and the championship was engaged for the next nine years.

We start, however, our look at Billy's league games with

his very first outing - and, as luck would have it, the game was against Rangers.

**SEASON 1958/59**  
**September 6, 1958**  
**Celtic 2-2 Rangers**

Just a fortnight after making his debut against Clyde in the League Cup, Billy McNeill took his league bow and manager Jimmy McGrory could hardly have picked a less inconspicuous meeting for the teenager's baptism. The opponents were champions-elect Rangers and a 2-2 draw was fought out with Bobby Collins and Eric Smith netting the Celtic goals. The home

fans in the 50,000 crowd weren't pleased when Davie Wilson manufactured a penalty from a legitimate McNeill tackle.

#### SEASON 1965/66

May 7, 1966

**Motherwell 0-1 Celtic**

This was the day when a 26-year-old Billy McNeill became the first Celtic captain since Jock Stein 12 years earlier to lead his compatriots to a Scottish League title. Cesar, his team-mates and the Celts in the 20,000 crowd that spilled on to the Fir Park roof celebrated with all the gusto stirred by a 12-year drought - one wonders how they would have celebrated Bobby Lennox's 89th-minute winner if they had known that this would be the first of nine-in-a-row. A consequence of this championship win was that the Celts qualified for the first time for something called the European Cup.

#### SEASON 1966/67

May 6, 1967

**Rangers 2-2 Celtic**

A year almost to the day, another championship was being celebrated by the jubilant Celts and this time Ibrox was the venue as two Jimmy Johnstone goals were savoured by the rain-soaked Celts on the terraces who were lapping up a season to beat all seasons. Only one point was required on the day and that mission was accomplished in front of 78,000 fans as Billy McNeill led his team-mates to the fourth of the five trophies they would win that season - more silverware would be up for grabs in Lisbon later that month.

#### SEASON 1969/70

March 7, 1970

**Dundee United 0-2 Celtic**

Defenders are not normally noted for their scoring prowess and that has only added to the allure of Big Billy's historical headed goals against Dunfermline and Vojvodina in the Scottish and European Cups. League goals, however, were sparse and many seasons were limited to just one counter from Cesar so this trip to Tannadice was a real red letter day for the skipper. For it was the only occasion he found the net twice in one game and, as you would expect, both were headers.

#### SEASON 1970/71

April 29, 1971

**Ayr United 0-2 Celtic**

With this win, Celtic equalled their own record of six-in-a-row achieved between 1905 and 1910 and the following week's 6-1

win over Clyde was the 204th game of the six-in-a-row and big Billy only missed 16 of those games. The Clyde game also marked the final appearance of the Lisbon Lions but the Ayr United game a couple of days earlier was the only clinching match of the nine-in-a-row that was played at 'home' - although this game, with goals by Bobby Lennox and Willie Wallace, was played at Hampden, due to construction work at Celtic Park.

#### SEASON 1971/72

April 15, 1972

**East Fife 0-3 Celtic**

The Celts smashed their own record when they wrapped up their seventh title in a row but it was as sign of the times that only Bobby Murdoch and Jim Craig joined big Billy as survivors from that first title back in May 1966. The likes of Bobby Lennox and Jimmy Johnstone were still around but scorers Dixie Deans (2) and Harry Hood joined youngsters like Kenny Dalglish, Lou Macari and George Connelly as Cesar ran the rule over the new brood.

#### SEASON 1973/74

April 27, 1974

**Falkirk 1-1 Celtic**

A Kenny Dalglish equaliser 71 minutes before the end of the game confirmed two things - Falkirk would be relegated and Billy McNeill had skippered the Hoops to their ninth title in a row. Such was Celtic's dominance under the managership of Jock Stein and the captaincy of McNeill that alarm bells were ringing and moves were now afoot to change the set-up of Scottish Football and the new-fangled Premier Division would soon be upon us - but not before Big Billy had played in 282 of a possible 306 nine-in-a-row matches. 🐉



# CESAR'S SILVER SERVICE

WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

HE WAS THE SKIPPER WHO PICKED UP ENOUGH WINNER'S MEDALS DURING HIS CAPTAINCY TO BECOME THE KING OF BLING

**B**ILLY McNeill played in no fewer than 21 domestic cup finals with Celtic and lifted the silverware 13 times at Hampden.

Those victories included seven Scottish Cups and six League Cups, five of those wins on the spin, as the Celts made the National Stadium something of a home from home over the duration.

He played his first cup games with the likes of Bobby Evans, Willie Fernie, Bertie Peacock, Neilly Mochan and Charlie Tully while youngsters such as Tommy Burns were starting to force their way into the team by the time he played his final game...

And what a finale that turned out to be - bowing out at the top by lifting the Scottish Cup and now we take the opportunity to salute just some of Billy's finest domestic cup highlights.

## SEASON 1964/65

**April 24, 1965, Scottish Cup Final**  
**Celtic 3-2 Dunfermline**

Billy was to play in 38 Scottish Cup games before he opened his scoring account but he couldn't have chosen a better time to score the only goal of the 36 Celtic games he played that season. With the game poised at 2-2 thanks to two Bertie Auld equalisers, McNeill rose majestically to head home Charlie Gallagher's corner and signal a sea change in the direction of Scottish football. An eight-year trophy drought had ended and the trophy floodgates opened in Paradise.

## SEASON 1965/66

**October 23, 1965, League Cup Final**  
**Celtic 2-1 Rangers**

Billy had been on reserve duty when Celtic beat Rangers 7-1 in the final of the same competition nine years earlier but that had been the Hoops' last success in this particular tournament. That was all to change though as McNeill led the charge to five consecutive League Cup campaigns amid no fewer than 14 successive final appearances. Two John

Hughes penalties paved the way for the success as Cesar collected his second piece of silverware.

## SEASON 1966/67

**April 29, 1967, Scottish Cup Final**  
**Celtic 2-0 Aberdeen**

The League Cup and Glasgow Cup were already in the bag and the championship and European Cup were tantalisingly close when Billy McNeill led his troops out at Hampden in front of a crowd of 126,102. The Dons were formidable opponents but the trophy-hungry Celts were in no mood to relinquish any hope of success and two Willie Wallace goals either side of the break pulled in the third piece of silverware in a fantastically successful season.

## SEASON 1968/69

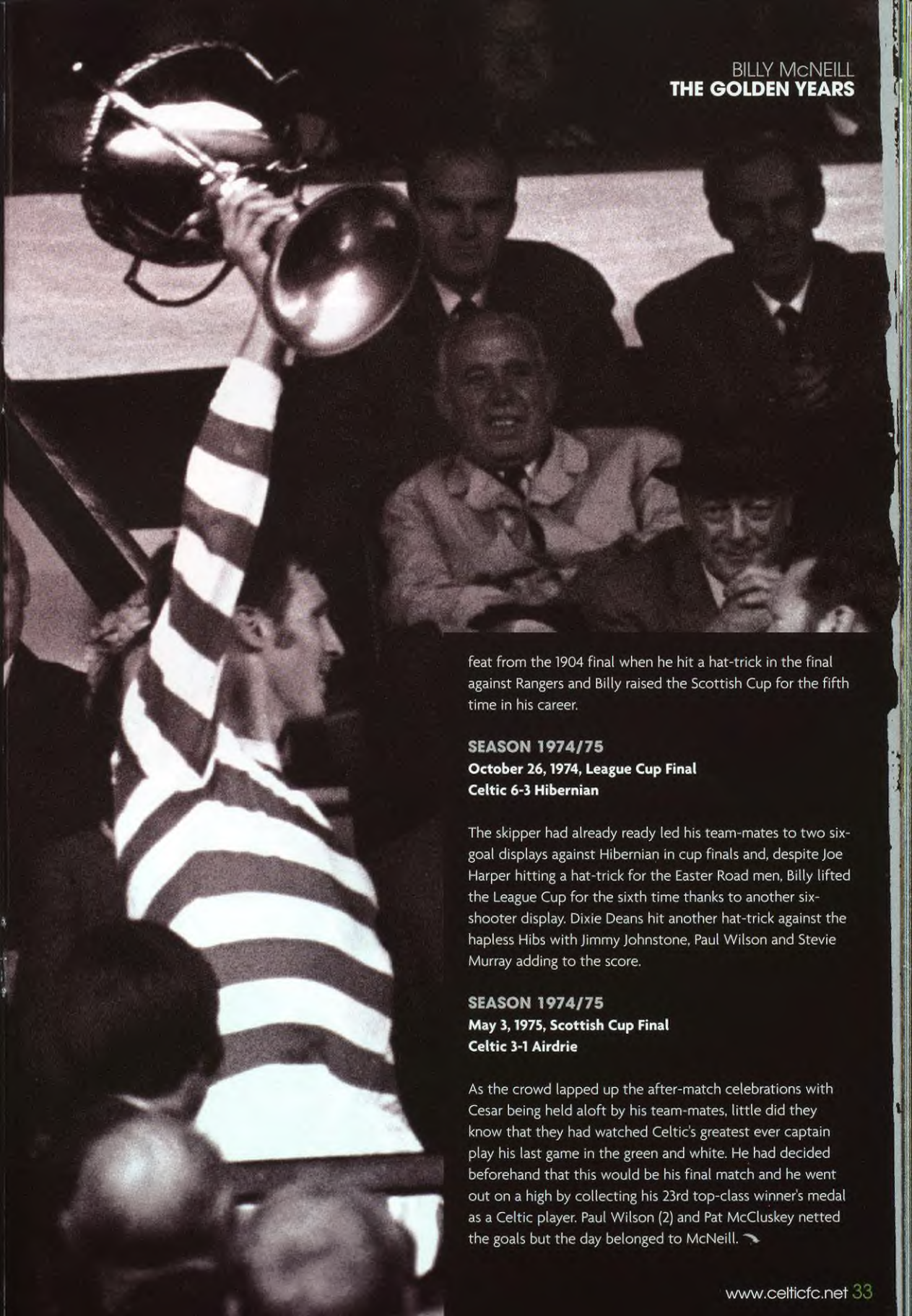
**April 26, 1969, Scottish Cup Final**  
**Celtic 4-0 Rangers**

This was a final packed with memories - George Connelly mugging John Greig and waltzing around Rangers keeper Norrie Martin with the ball to score the third just seconds after Bobby Lennox had hit the third and a sublime piece of artistry by Stevie Chalmers to hit the fourth when the crowd of 132,870 was rapidly diminishing at one end of the ground. The spark for all of this though was McNeill's opening header in the second minute that led to Rangers' first defeat in a Scottish Cup final for 40 years.

## SEASON 1971/72

**May 6, 1972, Scottish Cup Final**  
**Celtic 6-1 Hibernian**

In hitting his third Scottish Cup final goal, Big Billy repeated his feat of three years earlier by netting as early as the second minute and another six-figure crowd was treated to another goals spree from the Celts. They really went to town against Hibernian and Dixie Deans repeated Jimmy Quinn's



feat from the 1904 final when he hit a hat-trick in the final against Rangers and Billy raised the Scottish Cup for the fifth time in his career.

**SEASON 1974/75**

**October 26, 1974, League Cup Final**  
**Celtic 6-3 Hibernian**

The skipper had already led his team-mates to two six-goal displays against Hibernian in cup finals and, despite Joe Harper hitting a hat-trick for the Easter Road men, Billy lifted the League Cup for the sixth time thanks to another six-shooter display. Dixie Deans hit another hat-trick against the hapless Hibs with Jimmy Johnstone, Paul Wilson and Stevie Murray adding to the score.

**SEASON 1974/75**

**May 3, 1975, Scottish Cup Final**  
**Celtic 3-1 Airdrie**

As the crowd lapped up the after-match celebrations with Cesar being held aloft by his team-mates, little did they know that they had watched Celtic's greatest ever captain play his last game in the green and white. He had decided beforehand that this would be his final match and he went out on a high by collecting his 23rd top-class winner's medal as a Celtic player. Paul Wilson (2) and Pat McCluskey netted the goals but the day belonged to McNeill. ↪

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# EUROPEAN DREAMS

WORDS: PAUL CUDDIHY

LEADING THE CELTS TO VICTORY IN LISBON THE HIGHLIGHT OF AN ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER

**N**OT only has Billy McNeill made more European appearances for the Hoops than any other player, he is also the only Celtic captain to lift a European trophy.

He played 72 times against continental opposition, scoring three goals, including a vital one on the road to Lisbon in 1967.

Billy's team-mate from that time, the Greatest Ever Celt, Jimmy Johnstone, is the nearest in terms of appearances with 66.

In more recent years, Henrik Larsson played 58 times, while current first-team coach, Neil Lennon, made 53 European appearances for the Hoops.

The victory over Inter Milan on May 25, 1967 is undoubtedly the pinnacle of Big Billy's career, and the benchmark by which all future Celtic sides would be judged.

And it is appropriate that his first European appearance was also Celtic's first ever game on that stage.

## FAIRS CITIES CUP

### First Round

September 26, 1962

Valencia 4-2 Celtic

Jimmy McGrory took a young Celtic side, including Billy McNeill, to Spain to play Valencia in the first round of the Fairs Cities Cup. Bobby Carroll has the distinction of scoring the Hoops' first ever European goal, though the record books often credit Mestre with an own goal. Just for good measure, Carroll also scored Celtic's other goal, though the Spaniards hit four past John Fallon. In the second leg, a 2-2 draw saw the Hoops knocked out of the competition.

## EUROPEAN CUP

### Quarter-final

March 8, 1967

Celtic 2-0 Vojvodina

A last-minute Billy McNeill header put Hoops in the semi-final of the European Cup on a night of drama at Celtic Park. Jock Stein's side had lost the first leg 1-0, though a Stevie Chalmers goal cancelled that out. But just when the tie looked to be heading for a play-off in Rotterdam, Big Billy powered home a

Charlie Gallagher corner to send Paradise into raptures and the Hoops into a last four meeting with Dukla Prague.

## EUROPEAN CUP

### Final

May 25, 1967

Celtic 2-1 Inter Milan

A momentous night as Celtic became the first British and non-Latin country to win the European Cup with a 2-1 win over Inter Milan. It was a masterful display by the Hoops, who destroyed the Italian giants, the scoreline flattering Inter who couldn't cope with Celtic's attacking play. And Billy McNeill made his way to the podium at the Estadio Nacional in Lisbon to lift the big trophy. Celtic were the Kings of Europe.

## EUROPEAN CUP

### Semi-final

April 15, 1970

Celtic 2-1 Leeds United

Billy McNeill led Celtic out at Hampden to a European Cup record attendance of 136,505 and helped Celtic win the Battle of Britain against Don Revie's Leeds United to progress to their second final in three years. George Connelly had given the Celts a 1-0 first-leg lead, which was cancelled out by Billy Bremner's strike. But goals from John Hughes and Bobby Murdoch put the Hoops into the final against Feyenoord. Sadly there was to be no repeat of 1967 as the Dutch side won 2-1 after extra-time in the San Siro.

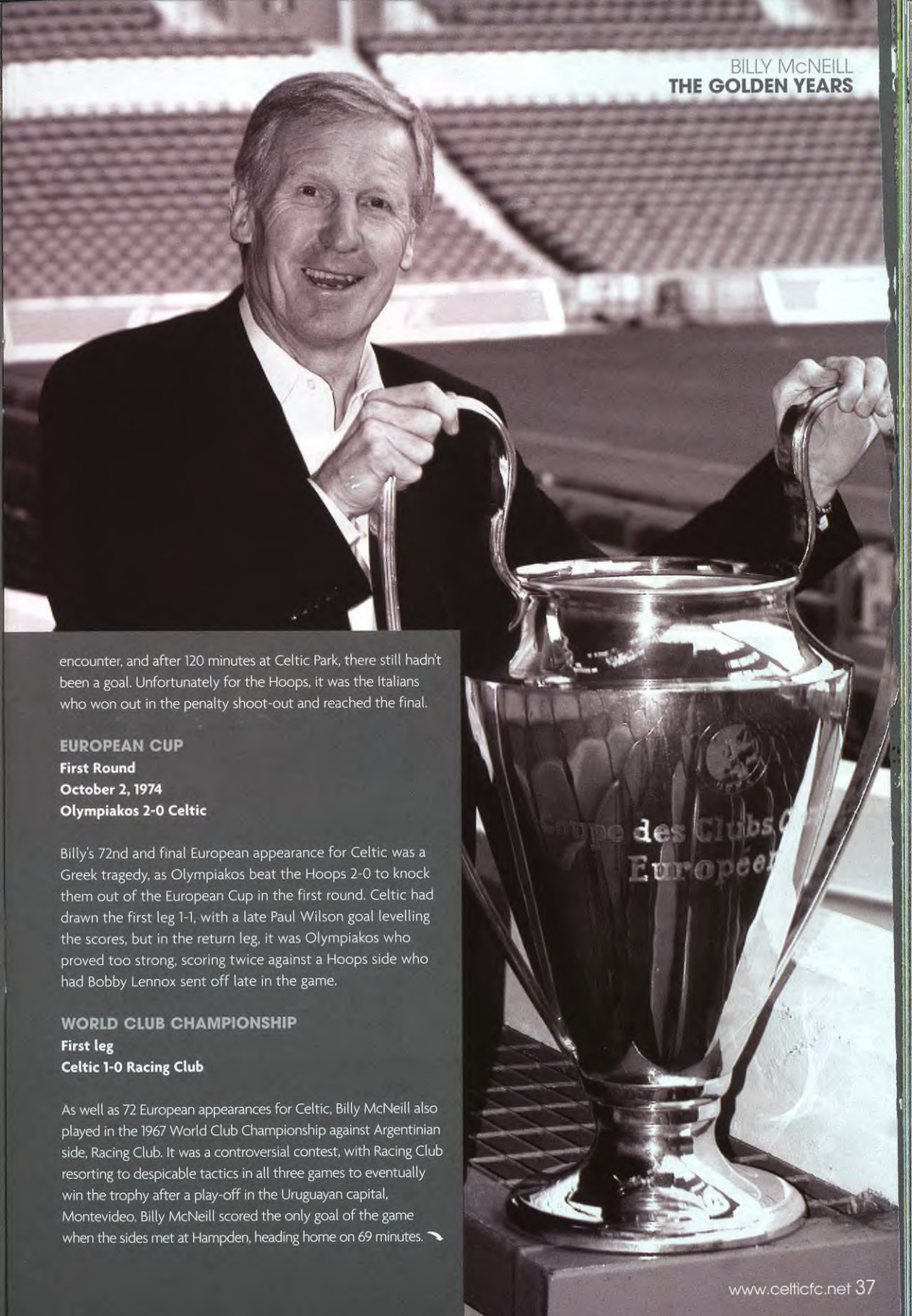
## EUROPEAN CUP

### Semi-final

April 5, 1972

Inter Milan 0-0 Celtic

A masterful defensive display in the San Siro saw Celtic return to Glasgow for the second leg of the European Cup semi-final with a goal-less draw. It was a meeting of old foes from 1967, and Jock Stein's side were confident of progressing to their third final in five years. The return leg in Glasgow was another tense



encounter, and after 120 minutes at Celtic Park, there still hadn't been a goal. Unfortunately for the Hoops, it was the Italians who won out in the penalty shoot-out and reached the final.

#### EUROPEAN CUP

##### First Round

October 2, 1974

Olympiakos 2-0 Celtic

Billy's 72nd and final European appearance for Celtic was a Greek tragedy, as Olympiakos beat the Hoops 2-0 to knock them out of the European Cup in the first round. Celtic had drawn the first leg 1-1, with a late Paul Wilson goal levelling the scores, but in the return leg, it was Olympiakos who proved too strong, scoring twice against a Hoops side who had Bobby Lennox sent off late in the game.

#### WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

##### First leg

Celtic 1-0 Racing Club

As well as 72 European appearances for Celtic, Billy McNeill also played in the 1967 World Club Championship against Argentinian side, Racing Club. It was a controversial contest, with Racing Club resorting to despicable tactics in all three games to eventually win the trophy after a play-off in the Uruguayan capital, Montevideo. Billy McNeill scored the only goal of the game when the sides met at Hampden, heading home on 69 minutes. ➤





# IN THE HOOPS

WORDS: PAUL CUDDIHY

# HOT SEAT

DURING TWO SPELLS AS MANAGER OF CELTIC, BILLY McNEILL BROUGHT FURTHER SUCCESS TO THE CLUB, INCLUDING A MEMORABLE CENTENARY DOUBLE

**A**FTER a break of almost two years following his retirement from playing in 1975, Billy McNeill returned to the fray and took up the hot-seat at Clyde, though it was a brief stint at Shawfield before Aberdeen came calling in June 1977.

Big Billy spent a season at Pittodrie, steering the Dons to a second place finish in the league while Celtic finished fifth.

For anyone to take over from the legendary Jock Stein it was always going to be a daunting task, and Celtic turned to the man who had been Stein's captain through the successes of the late 1960s and early '70s.

It was a return home for Billy McNeill and he had an immediate impact on the club's fortunes.

## 1978/79 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1978/79 campaign lasted 36 games but the season is remembered for one game - Celtic's final league match and the one when the title was clinched. It was Billy McNeill's first

season in charge of the club and it proved to be a testing one for the new boss, not least with the winter weather preventing the Hoops from playing a league game for almost three months. Celtic and Rangers were neck-and-neck in the race for the title, with the Celts refusing to give up despite a 1-0 defeat to their city rivals at the beginning of May 1979. By the time the sides met at Celtic Park on May 21, McNeill's men knew they had to win the game to become champions. But when they were reduced to 10 men just after half-time and trailing Rangers by a goal, it didn't look good. However, on a night of great drama at Paradise, Celtic eventually triumphed 4-2 and Big Billy was a champion once again.

## 1980 SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

The Celts finished second in the league to Aberdeen, losing out on another title by just one point. But they still had the opportunity to finish with some silverware as they faced Rangers in the Scottish Cup final at Hampden. On a sunny

afternoon in Glasgow, both sides battled for the trophy, and it took a solitary goal from George McCluskey in extra-time to bring the cup back to Paradise. The ball was cleared from a corner by the Rangers defence but was fired by into the box by Danny McGrain and diverted into the net by McCluskey. It was a superb triumph for the Hoops, though the aftermath of the game was marred by rioting on the pitch between supporters of both sides.

#### 1981/82 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Billy McNeill ensured the league championship was returned to Celtic Park in season 1980/81, with his side finishing seven points clear of second-place Aberdeen. And the Hoops managed to retain the title the following season, though it was a closer contest. In fact, it required a final day victory over St Mirren at Celtic Park to guarantee the triumph. Goals from Tom McAdam and a double from George McCluskey gave the Celts a 3-0 win, leaving them two points clear of runners-up, Aberdeen.

#### 1982/83 LEAGUE CUP FINAL

As a player, Billy McNeill had been used to appearing in League Cup finals and winning the trophy. Between 1964-78, Celtic had appeared in 14 consecutive finals, and though they only won six of those, it was still a better return than what was to follow. After the victory in 1974/75, McNeill's last season as a player, Celtic did not win the League Cup again until 1982/83. Celtic fans endured a torrid afternoon at Hampden, with the rain lashing them from first minute to last, but they didn't care as they cheered the Hoops on to victory. First-half goals from Charlie Nicholas and Murdo MacLeod gave the Hoops a 2-1 victory and the League Cup was back at Celtic Park.

#### CENTENARY DOUBLE

Billy McNeill's return as Celtic manager at the start of season 1987/88 was a timely one and he steered the club to a momentous double in their centenary year. Having brought in a number of new faces, McNeill saw his new side pass their first test with flying colours, winning the first derby match of the season 1-0 thanks to a goal from Billy Stark. The centenary season became famous for last-gasp victories and a never-say-die attitude from the players that was in the very best traditions of the club and a mirror of the manager's own personality. After winning the league title, Celtic faced Dundee United in the Scottish Cup final, and two late Frank McAvennie goals gave the Hoops victory and an incredible double.

#### 1989 SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

A Joe Miller goal was enough to give Celtic a 1-0 victory over Rangers at Hampden, preventing the Ibrox side from winning the treble. Supporters didn't realise it at the time but it would also be the last trophy the club would win for six years. It was also Billy McNeill's last trophy as Celtic boss, and once again he was able to provide fans with some great memories.

#### EUROPEAN HIGHS AND LOWS

As a manager, Billy McNeill didn't scale the heights in Europe he had done so as a player, but there were still some great victories to savour against some of Europe's top sides. Billy steered Celtic to famous wins at home against Juventus and Real Madrid, while his charges knocked Ajax out after a great win in Amsterdam. His side also famously won 5-4 against Partizan Belgrade in an incredible game at Celtic Park in 1989 when Jacki Dziekanowski scored four of the goals, but the Hoops still went out on away goals.



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# THE SPECIAL ONE

A NEW BOOK OFFERS A FASCINATING INSIGHT INTO THE CAREER OF CELTIC'S JAPANESE GENIUS, SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA

**C**ELTIC is a club that celebrates difference. It is enshrined in its ethos and embodied in its heroes. The 'Celtic Way' is a byword for unashamed individualism.

Patsy Gallacher quickened the pulses of supporters in the days when balls still had laces and shorts were down to the knees.

Jimmy Johnstone is officially the greatest Celt of all time. No-one in the club's history has made the game more uniquely beautiful than 'Jinky', whose approach was based on football as entertainment. The lineage to Aiden McGeady, the modern-day magician, is clear.

Good players attract respect but only great ones inspire

**NAKAMURA REVEALED HOW NEIL LENNON, THE NEWLY-APPOINTED FIRST TEAM COACH, PHYSICALLY SHOOK HIM BEFORE THE GAME, IMPLOING HIM TO BECOME A HERO. HE RESPONDED.**

devotion. In a Scottish context, Shunsuke Nakamura has proved his greatness.

On his day, Nakamura is a special footballer. In dead-ball situations, he is a world-class one. The 30-year-old has only been at Celtic for three seasons but has already written himself into the history.

Fans remember moments. Great goals become 'JFK' moments, tiny bookmarks in the narrative of people's lives. Nakamura has provided several.

The supreme moment was the free kick against

Manchester United in November 2006, which took Celtic into the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League for the first time. In the media age, it truly was 'The Shot Heard Around the World'.

In the course of writing the book, the supporters I interviewed would glaze over when asked about 'that' free kick, as if they were watching a slideshow of it in their minds.

James McAvoy, the Scottish-born Hollywood

actor, told me how he bunked off from the Toronto Film Festival to watch the game on a 12-inch screen in a dingy pub, and then soaked Arsenal fans with his pint when the ball hit the net.

Jim Kerr, the lead singer of Simple Minds, remembers bouncing around his villa in Sicily while Dario Franchitti cavorted around the living room in his mansion in Nashville, Tennessee.

I spoke to Celtic supporters' clubs as far afield as Rio, Las Vegas and Tokyo who tell their own unique stories of how they celebrated the moment.

Then there was the free kick against Kilmarnock which won Celtic the league in 2007. The strike marked the

consummation of Nakamura's relationship with the club.

He went wild, whipping off his strip and twirling it over his head as he dived into the fans behind the goal. It was evidence of how much the club had got under his skin.

Like Henrik Larsson before him, his inscrutability had been stripped away by the adoration from supporters. The long-range effort against Rangers in the penultimate Old Firm game of last season was another 'moment'.

Nakamura revealed how Neil Lennon, the newly-appointed first team coach, physically shook him before the game, imploring him to become a hero. He responded.

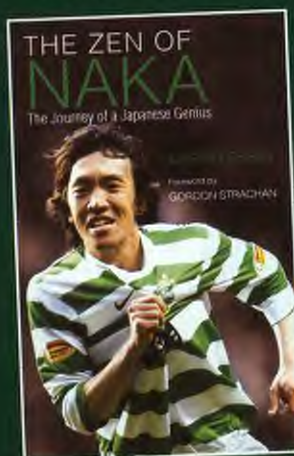
Nakamura has rarely failed to rise to the occasion. He arrived in Scotland 48 hours after the 5-0 defeat to Artmedia Bratislava in the UEFA Champions League qualifiers in 2005 and helped dispel the gloom.

In his second season, he picked up the Player of the Year award and proved that his subtle talents could rise above the rough and tumble of Scottish football.

The Celtic years have been glorious ones for Nakamura, but in themselves were not the motivation for writing the book.

The first hint of how unique he was came to me on the night of the Manchester United free-kick.

I wrote a follow-up article in The Herald the day after detailing his post-match fitness routine. Instead of celebrating with his teammates he had slipped away to the gym to do an extensive warm down to quicken his recovery





time. He finally emerged an hour and a half later to speak to the media.

The article drew much feedback from readers, who, like me, were impressed by the dedication Nakamura brought to his profession.

The more I researched him, the more it became clear that his approach had its roots in a uniquely Japanese mindset. Dedication, humility and mutual respect are the cornerstones of Japanese society.

Nakamura is lauded as a hero in his homeland because he embodies those qualities. In Japan he is a cultural icon as much as a footballer.

At Reggina, the president, Pasquale Foti, told me how he used Nakamura as an ambassador to open up new tourist and business links to the south of Italy that endure to this day.

On my visit there, I discovered that the player is still a hero in the tiny city on the toe of the Italian boot.

Even the local pizzerias still sell 'Shunsuke Specials', with the Japanese flag represented by creatively arranged slices of mozzarella and tomato. Of course, Nakamura is also a commercial as much as a cultural icon and both Reggina and Celtic have earned millions from his presence.

Nakamura's emergence is linked to the incredible success of the J.League and Japan's rapid progress as a football nation.

Nakamura represents the country's pinnacle to date, but having witnessed their infrastructure first hand, there will be others who go on to achieve as much, if not more.

The language barrier has added to Nakamura's enigma in



Scotland. Having travelled to Japan, Okinawa and Italy for the book, the enigma began to unravel.

Nakamura represents many things to many people. He achieves it by being himself. Dedicated, dignified and constantly striving for unattainable perfection. The combination of those qualities have found expression at Celtic over the last three years and made him a global superstar.

The story of how Naka got there is strewn with desperate disappointments and personal triumphs. It adds up to the rich and compelling tale of a fascinating sportsman.

**'The Zen of Naka', by Martin Greig, with Foreword by Gordon Strachan, (Mainstream, £16.99) is out now and is available from Celtic retail outlets.**

**Martin Greig is a senior sportswriter with *The Herald* newspaper.**

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# PREVIOUS MEETINGS

August 11, 2007: Shunsuke Nakamura celebrates his goal



**T**ODAY'S match at Celtic Park is the 147th league fixture between Celtic and Falkirk, and it's the Glasgow side who have come out on top on the vast majority of occasions.

The Hoops have been victorious in 95 of the previous meetings, while Falkirk have won 25 and the other 27 matches have ended in draws.

Falkirk will go into this game knowing that the odds will be firmly stacked against them - the Bairns have not beaten the Hoops at Celtic Park since October 1994.

The Champions won comfortably in two of the three fixtures between the sides last season, although the Bhoys' 1-0 victory at Falkirk Stadium was a close contest.

While history suggests this is set to be an exciting game, all eyes will also be on ex-Celt Jackie McNamara, who returns to the club where he tasted so much success to take on the Celts as a part of his new side.

Ahead of this encounter, we take a look back at the three times that the teams met during the last campaign.

## Falkirk 1-4 Celtic

(Milne og 30, Miller 76, Nakamura 80, Vennegoor of Hesselink 82)  
August 11, 2007, Falkirk Stadium

**CHAMPIONS** Celtic produced a clinical second-half performance to beat Falkirk 4-1 and pick up their first league win of the season.

Michael Higdon stunned the Hoops by giving Falkirk the lead with only four minutes on the clock, but a Kenny Milne own goal brought Gordon Strachan's side level before the break.

In the second period, Celtic laid siege to the Falkirk goal with Kenny Miller, Shunsuke Nakamura and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink scoring for the Champions.

With 15 minutes remaining, the Hoops took the lead, Nakamura's cross fell to McGeady and his overhead kick crashed off the post and into Miller's path, and the striker's finish was clinical.

Then, as Vennegoor of Hesselink raced in on goal, he was brought down by Milne and the defender was red-carded.

From the resultant free-kick, Nakamura bent his strike into the top corner. On 82 minutes, Vennegoor of Hesselink netted once more to round off a good performance from Celtic.

### **Celtic 4-1 Falkirk**

**(McDonald 9 pen, McGeady 41, 68, 82)**

**November 11, 2007, Celtic Park**

#### **CELTIC gained a victory over Falkirk thanks to a superb display from Aiden McGeady.**

From the start, Gordon Strachan's side pressed the Falkirk defence, who conceded after nine minutes.

Kenny Milne brought down Scott McDonald in the penalty box, and, from the spot kick, the Australian striker coolly slotted away his 13th league goal of the season.

Despite being behind, Falkirk came back into proceedings with a Pedro Moutinho shot which flew inches over the bar.

On 41 minutes, Aiden McGeady made it 2-0 when he stroked home a left foot shot.

Falkirk then went down to 10 men after Barr was sent off and soon 2-0 became 3-0. McGeady netted again, dribbling the ball and curling his shot into the net.

The SPL Champions continued to dominate and, eight minutes from the end, the young Irishman completed his first professional hat-trick with a fine shot.

Following this victory, the home support was able to celebrate a five-point lead at the top of the SPL.

### **Falkirk 0-1 Celtic**

**(McDonald 45)**

**January 27, 2008, Falkirk Stadium**

#### **SITTING seven points behind leaders Rangers, the Bhoys knew that a victory at the Falkirk Stadium was vital to maintain their championship challenge.**

But the home side looked vibrant from the start and were chasing Celtic at every opportunity.

The Hoops almost created an opening on seven minutes, but Stephen McManus couldn't convert the opportunity presented to him.

With 33 minutes gone, Dean Holden's pass found Graham Barrett inside the box and Artur Boruc produced a phenomenal stop.

Following that attack, Falkirk suffered an injury blow as Holden was carried off with a suspected broken leg.

In first-half injury-time, Scott McDonald put Celtic ahead, heading home a Shunsuke Nakamura cross.

After the break, Falkirk put the Hoops under pressure as the game was played at a ferocious pace and Paul Caddis was introduced to make his Celtic debut.

John Hughes' side pushed for an equaliser in the closing stages but, with Caldwell and McManus outstanding, Boruc had little to do.

At the other end, Vennegoor of Hesselink smashed the post as Celtic ran out deserved winners.



**January 27, 2008:** Scott McDonald celebrates his goal

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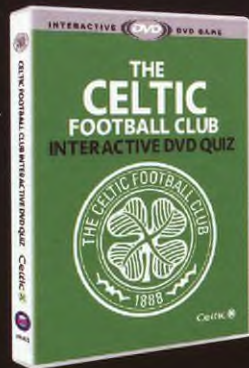
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# WIN £10,000 WITH THE CLYDESDALE BANK SCORE SELECTOR

**C**LYDESDALE Bank, sponsors of the Premier League, have launched the Score Selector game with some fantastic prizes on offer throughout the season.

Score Selector, on their dedicated football website [www.cbfootball.co.uk](http://www.cbfootball.co.uk) challenges fans to guess the scores of each week's Clydesdale Bank Premier League fixtures, with points awarded for guessing the exact score, or for guessing a home win, away win or draw.

At the end of the season, the person with the most points will win £10,000\*.

There will also be a prize of £5,000\* on offer each week for anyone who correctly guesses the exact scores of all six matches in a fixture group.

There will also be weekly prizes\*, with the person scoring the most points in a week winning a Clydesdale Bank Premier League jacket and portable DAB radio.

Ex Scotland star and Setanta Sports Commentator Scott Booth provides his match predictions each week for [www.cbfootball.co.uk](http://www.cbfootball.co.uk), and these will now be added to Score Selector, with all fans who score more points than Scott going into a weekly draw to win a Clydesdale Bank Premier League Mitre football.

Scott said: "With my job as a football commentator, I

should be able to give an educated guess at the SPL scores, but things can be pretty unpredictable in Scottish football.

"Knowing that fans can now compare their score selections against mine puts the pressure on me - I don't want half of Scotland being able to say they know more about the Clydesdale Bank Premier League than I do!"

Fans can also set up mini-leagues for friends and colleagues, to challenge each other and keep track of who is doing best.

To take part in Score Selector fans have to register for the Score Selector game at [www.cbfootball.co.uk](http://www.cbfootball.co.uk).

The game is free to enter, and participants must be over 18 years old to take part.

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# FIXTURES

## SPL RESERVE LEAGUE FIXTURES 2008/09

DATE	TEAM
12/08/08	ST MIRREN 2-0
26/08/08	DUNDEE UNITED (A)
16/09/08	FALKIRK (H)
23/09/08	RANGERS (H)
30/09/08	MOTHERWELL (A)
07/10/08	KILMARNOCK (A)
14/10/08	ABERDEEN (H)
21/10/08	HAMILTON ACCIES (H)
28/10/08	INVERNESS CT (A)
04/11/08	HIBERNIAN (H)
18/11/08	HEARTS (A)
25/11/08	MOTHERWELL (H)
02/12/08	KILMARNOCK (H)
09/12/08	HAMILTON ACCIES (A)
03/02/09	ST MIRREN (A)
10/02/09	INVERNESS CT (H)
17/02/09	HIBERNIAN (A)
24/02/09	HEARTS (H)
10/03/09	FALKIRK (A)
17/03/09	RANGERS (A)
24/03/09	DUNDEE UNITED (H)
31/03/09	ABERDEEN (A)

## SPL U-19s LEAGUE FIXTURES 2008/09

DATE	TEAM
16/08/08	ST MIRREN 0-2
23/08/08	DUNDEE UNITED (A)
30/08/08	FALKIRK (H)
13/09/08	RANGERS (H)
20/09/08	MOTHERWELL (A)
27/09/08	KILMARNOCK (A)
04/10/08	ABERDEEN (H)
11/10/08	HAMILTON ACCIES (H)
18/10/08	INVERNESS CT (A)
01/11/08	HIBERNIAN (H)
15/11/08	HEARTS (A)
22/11/08	MOTHERWELL (H)
29/11/08	KILMARNOCK (H)
13/12/08	HAMILTON ACCIES (A)
07/02/09	ST MIRREN (A)
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21/03/09	RANGERS (A)
28/03/09	DUNDEE UNITED (H)
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ALL GAMES ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE ABOVE DATES - NOT NECESSARILY ON THAT DATE.

## CELTIC LADIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 2008/09

DATE	TEAM
10/08/08	ABERDEEN 3-0
20/08/08	QUEEN'S PARK (H)
31/08/08	FORFAR (H)
07/09/08	HIBERNIAN (A)
21/09/08	SPARTANS (H)
05/10/08	GLASGOW CITY (A)
12/10/08	RAITH ROVERS (H)
19/10/08	DUNDEE UNITED (A)
26/10/08	BOROUGHMUIR THISTLE (H)
02/11/08	HAMILTON ACCIES (A)
16/11/08	KILMARNOCK (H)
23/11/08	BOROUGHMUIR THISTLE (A)
08/02/09	ABERDEEN (H)
15/02/09	QUEEN'S PARK (A)
15/03/09	FORFAR (A)
29/03/09	HIBERNIAN (H)
12/04/09	SPARTANS (A)
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# CELTIC YOUTH ACADEMY



## JUNIOR ACADEMY UPDATE

**C**ELTIC'S Under-11 side played their first pro-youth match last Saturday, August 23 against Hibernian. The match took place at the Edinburgh club's new training complex in Tranent and proved to be a terrific experience for the kids.

Both teams had quality young players on show and we were particularly pleased with the performance of the young Celts, given that it was their first match.

The players in the U11 squad are all nine or 10 years of age, with all players born in 1998.

Most of them have never had to remember telephone numbers, put film in a camera, wind up a clock or a watch, get off the couch to change channels, lick postage stamps or take empty ginger bottles back to the shop. But they can certainly play.

In addition their Barrowfield sessions, it is also quite evident the kids are working on their skills at home too. This is absolutely essential if they genuinely want to progress.

The format at this level is seven-a-side, with two teams representing each club. Both Celtic sides each play against the opposing club's two teams.

All the youngsters from both clubs should be pleased with their performance, but Celtic's Scott Hay perhaps deserves a special mention since he managed to score a magnificent **TEN** goals on his pro-youth debut.

Saturday also gave the kids the opportunity to get one over their mates.

Although Celtic's brilliant new home kit was launched on Thursday, the Celtic Bhoys had the opportunity to wear the brand new kit against Hibs. I'm absolutely positive it made them try that wee bit harder.

At this level we focus very much on technique, with the players constantly practising passing, possession, movement off the ball, core skills and turns... especially turns.

At the start of every coaching session and before every match the kids are asked to execute approximately 20

manoeuvres with their left and right foot.

The turns are named after Celtic players past and present and they require the youngsters to use the inside, outside and sole of each foot if they complete the full set.

For example we have The Lambert, The Lennon, The Maloney, The Petrov, The Naka, The Jinky and, of course, quite a selection from the McGeady Collection!

I remember Aiden when he first joined Celtic and although some of his excellent team-mates could do most of the tricks he performed with the ball, Aiden's footwork was so much faster.

At the time we played games our home matches at Dalziel Park in Motherwell, and I remember there were three guys who walked from Cleland every second Sunday just to watch Aiden. Even then he had his own fan club!

It's wonderful that his dream of playing for Celtic has come true and he is now an inspiration to the talented youngsters in the Celtic Academy.

**SPEAKING of inspirational figures, the youngsters were delighted to receive an unexpected visit from Neil Lennon towards the end of last season.**

Neil turned up at one of our Sunday Skills Sessions, which are held each month for all Junior Academy players (U12s and younger).

He was very complimentary about the technical ability of the kids and seemed a wee bit surprised that he had a turn named after him.

He has enthusiasm in abundance and will undoubtedly be a great help to players throughout the system in his new coaching role.

**SEVERAL of our current U10 players have also been invited in to train with Celtic this season and represent the Club at U11 level in season 2009/10.**

Daniel Scally, Liam Burt and Anthony Croal have, I'm delighted to say, all accepted and have already been issued with the official Club kit to make them feel very much part of the pro-youth set-up.

Daniel is a tenacious little player with great mobility and technical ability; Liam is very composed in possession and the wee guy doesn't appear to have a 'weaker' foot; Anthony is a tall athletic defender/midfielder who is terrific at driving forward at pace with the ball.

We are delighted to have secured the services of these three talented players.

**AT this point I must pay tribute to our scouts who work so hard to identify the very best players at an early stage.**

Tom O'Neil was appointed Junior Academy Scouting Co-ordinator last season and has made a very positive impact. Tom's man-management and organisational skills

have enhanced the talent identification process at Junior Academy level.

I'm sure Tom would also agree that he is fortunate to have so many hard-working scouts who have supported him since his appointment.

Believe me, these guys are so important since the very best players have to be identified as quickly as possible otherwise we risk losing them to rival clubs.

In Scotland, clubs now ask children as young as eight or nine into the pro-youth system, quite a difference from 10 years ago when the youngest players invited in to the pro-youth environment were 12 or 13.

The younger the player, the more difficult it is to get it right, so it is essential we have highly qualified and experienced people in place to identify the best talent and to help develop them into Academy players.

Here's hoping that we have a diamond in the Academy at the moment who will become the next McGeady or McManus.

**MARTIN MILLER  
JUNIOR ACADEMY HEAD**



# SIGN UP FOR THE 2008 CELTIC CHARITY CUP

## TAKE PART IN FIVE-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT AND WIN THE CHANCE TO PLAY AT PARADISE

**T**HIS year's Celtic Charity Cup competition takes place in October and your five-a-side team can now sign up to take part.

By taking part, you'll also support the main beneficiary, CHAS, plus a host of other charities through Celtic Charity Fund.

The event takes place on Saturday, October 11, starting from 11am at Powerleague, Townhead, Glasgow and will be run on a 'World Cup' style.

### ENTRY

- Cost is £40 for a squad of 7 (strictly 18 years and over)
- To enter online, log onto [www.arrangethegame.com/celticcharitycup](http://www.arrangethegame.com/celticcharitycup)
- Alternatively, contact Jane Maguire for a registration form on 0141 551 4262 or email [janemaguire@celticfc.co.uk](mailto:janemaguire@celticfc.co.uk)
- Closing date for entries is Wednesday 1st October 2008.

### PRIZES

**The victorious team will not only be presented with a magnificent trophy - which will be engraved with the team name and displayed permanently in the Boardroom at Celtic Park - but they will also be given the opportunity to play on the hallowed turf during the half-time interval at a match at Celtic Park (date TBC).**

The two teams who play in the final will be presented with a full set of new Celtic kit (one will receive the home kit and the other the away kit), courtesy of Nike.

**There will also be a random draw for all entrants, with the following prizes.**

- One full set of seven new Celtic home kits, courtesy of Nike.
- One full set of seven new Celtic away kits, courtesy of Nike.
- Five pairs of match tickets for Celtic v Kilmarnock on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, courtesy of Celtic Football Club.
- Five pairs of match tickets for Celtic v Inverness Caledonian Thistle on Saturday, November 29, 2008, courtesy of Celtic Football Club

### FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENT

Following registration, each team will be issued with a

tournament information pack including seven (one per player) football scratchcards.

Each player is required to sell one of these cards to raise funds for Celtic Charity Fund and main beneficiary, CHAS. This is in addition to the £40 entry fee.

There are 40 teams per card; stake £1; prize money £20; fundraising for Celtic Charity Fund/CHAS £20.

**Please note this forms part of the entry requirement and your team will not be permitted to take part on the day, unless it has been met.**

Full payment details will be included in the tournament information pack but all proceeds - £140 per team - must be paid by Wednesday 8th October 2008.

**CHILDREN'S HOSPICE ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND (CHAS)**  
**THE Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) is a Scottish charity established to provide hospice services in Scotland for children with life-limiting conditions.**

Rachel House, Scotland's first children's hospice, opened in Kinross in July 1996. Robin House in Balloch opened in August 2005.





Since 2003 the CHAS at Home Team has helped children and their families in the Highlands by providing support to them in their own homes.

#### CELTIC CHARITY FUND

FORMED in 1995, Celtic Charity Fund operates as a charitable trust, aiming to uphold and promote the charitable principles and heritage of Celtic FC through raising funds and supporting specific areas of charity work.

For further information, call Jane Maguire on 0141 551 4262 or email [janemaguire@celticfc.co.uk](mailto:janemaguire@celticfc.co.uk)



The Phoenix Green team who won the 2007 Celtic Charity Cup, were presented with their trophy by the late, great Tommy Burns. Tommy was a tremendous supporter of Celtic Charity Fund.

# THE A-Z OF A CELTIC CAREER

...PETER GRANT

**A is for Abuse:** At which ground did you get the worst stick?

I could name them all! I never hid the fact that Celtic was my club and that I was giving everything out on the pitch. I was a supporter living the dream and sometimes I got abused for that. I also played in a position where you tend to be really involved in the play and that can lead to stick from fans. The Rangers fans obviously got on my back a bit and I remember Ally McCoist saying I got more mentions in the programme than him - because the fans would always pick me as the person they loved to hate! Seriously though, I got abuse everywhere, including Celtic Park at times!

**B is for Big Billy:** How big an influence was he?

Billy was fantastic for me, both as a player and when I started out in coaching. When people talk about good managers, they mention this and that. Billy just had this presence, this aura about him and when he spoke you listened. He had lived the dream in captaining Celtic and leading them to the European Cup. I can't speak highly enough of Billy - he's a wonderful person.

**C is for Coaching:** Do you enjoy that side of the game?

I'm loving it. It's been about 12 years since I walked out of Celtic Park for the last time as a player and I don't think I've looked back. I've been down south ever since and I've got all the coaching badges I can get. I had a short spell at Reading and then moved on to Bournemouth with Sean O'Driscoll. From there, it was West Ham with Alan Pardew and we had fantastic success. I then struck out on my own at Norwich, but it was a great job at the wrong time for me. After leaving I spent time studying clubs like Man United, Real Madrid and Celtic. I did a bit of work with the SFA and then accepted the job with Tony Mowbray at West Brom. It's been the right choice.

**D is for derby:** Is the Glasgow derby the best in the world?

When I was playing I always thought that it was and then you had guys like Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley, who had played in Milan derbies, saying that there was nothing like it in the world. I think it must be up there and I just loved playing in those games. I had some highs and lows, and one of the best games was going to Ibrox when Celtic supporters were banned. We played well that day and got a 1-1 draw, but we could have won. That would have been a real highlight.

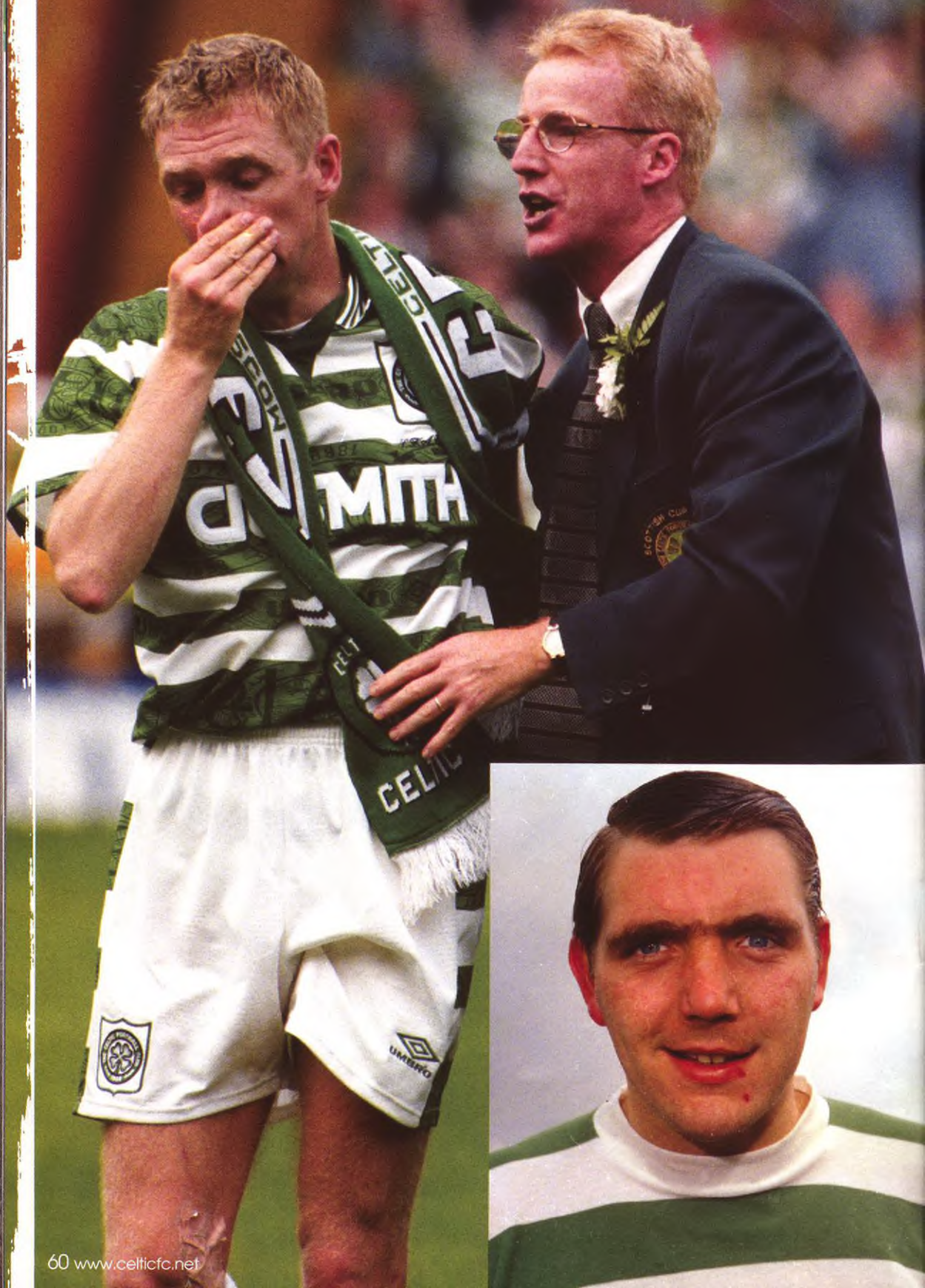
**E is for Europe:** What was your Celtic highlight?

We actually had a few disappointments during my time, but some memorable nights as well. Looking back, we were just a bit tactically naïve. We thought because we were Celtic, we could just play like Celtic all the time. In saying that, I remember going over to Madrid to play Atletico and we drew 1-1. That was a great display. The 5-4 match with Partizan Belgrade was another incredible night. European football has changed now and it would be interesting to see how we'd have done in the Champions League format. We had some good teams in the 1980s, but one defeat and that was you out.

**F is for Fight:** What's the biggest bust-up you've seen?

That's a hard one, because there were so many during the centenary season at Barrowfield. Honestly, the place was like a warzone at times. Don't get me wrong, we were the best of pals, but there were bust-ups every other day and I think that's why we were so successful. It summed up the season. We'd be rolling about the pitch fighting and then we'd be having a laugh in the car on the way back up to the stadium. Anybody watching the training games would have thought they'd stumbled on a Glasgow derby. ☺





#### G is for Goals: What was the best you scored?

Probably the one against Hibernian at Easter Road during the centenary season in 1988. I didn't score many but when I did they were usually spectacular, but that was because I never got into the box! That one sticks out because it was a crucial game and when we won it, I think we knew that we were going to win the league. I remember the Hibs fans had given me pelters during the game and when I stuck it into the top corner past Andy Goram, their faces were a picture.

#### H is for Hampden: Does it hold happy memories?

It does and it doesn't. I loved playing in cup finals and I fulfilled a lifelong ambition when I played in the Celtic side that beat Rangers 1-0 in the Scottish Cup final in 1989. But I think the fact that Celtic spent a really difficult year playing there in 1994/95 sours the memory of Hampden for me. I had some great times at the stadium, but that season was hard.

#### I is for International: Were you proud to play for Scotland?

Of course I was. I was lucky enough to represent Scotland at every level from Under-14s up and it was a great honour. I played a lot for the youth sides and I remember playing in tournaments against some guys who went on to be world-class. We faced Roberto Mancini in a competition in Monaco and, being the gallus Scot, I can remember thinking, 'He's not worth the £2million Sampdoria paid for him'. He soon showed that he was. I also played for Scotland against England at Hampden and won Man of the Match. I played against Chile after that, before injury set in and my chances became limited. It was a great honour.

#### J is for Jinky: Who was your favourite Celtic player?

I was always in awe of all the Lisbon Lions and I probably still am. I remember talking to Bobby Lennox at Celtic Park when I was in my early 30s and I just kept thinking about everything he'd achieved and how lucky I was to be there. Jinky was amazing, but Bobby Murdoch was always the man who stuck out for me. He was an incredible midfielder and had a real presence. Danny McGrain was another wonderful footballer and Tommy Burns, God rest him, was a special talent.

#### K is for karaoke: What's your party piece?

I like a wee chant from time to time and *'It's Not Unusual'* by Tom Jones is my normal choice on the karaoke. I've also been known to sing *Quando, Quando, Quando* from time to time. The boys would always cane me but I've never claimed to have the best voice.

#### L is for Laughter: Who was your funniest team-mate?

There are so many I could name, but the dressing-room during the centenary season was a really funny place and

Derek Whyte and Anton Rogan were always in the middle of things. It was a nervous time at the club. We knew how important that season was and we needed something to relieve the pressure at times. Anton and Derek were always on the wind-up and that really helped us through the season.

#### M is for Man of the Match: What was your best game?

Clubs now pay millions for players to play in the position I did, but when I was playing it was asked why I was sitting so deep in midfield. The game that stands out for me, and other people probably, was the 1995 Scottish Cup final. For a variety of reasons, that game was special. I had been ruled out up until two days before, but I wanted to give it a shot and ended up getting Man of the Match. There were a lot of nerves that day and to win the club's first trophy in six years was really special. I was also delighted for Tommy Burns because he deserved that trophy.

#### N is for nightmare: What your worst game?

There are a lot of them! One that really sticks out was a game against Dundee United in the early 1990s. I was playing midfield, but someone got injured and I was moved to right-back. I had a shocker. Everything I did was poor. I felt as if I was kicking a medicine ball using lead boots. I remember sitting up to 4am that night, just shaking my head. I couldn't believe I'd played like that.

#### O is for Outstanding? How good was Paul McStay?

Paul was a real special talent and he was immense during the centenary season. He burst on the scene as a young player and achieved so much at the club. He always stayed loyal and has to be admired for that. My one regret is that we didn't see enough of him at the top level of European football. Celtic couldn't give him that platform during those days, but I'm sure he would have done very well for any top club.

#### P is for Pre-match: What did you eat?

It's amazing how preparation has changed. Back in the day, we used to think that you could eat anything for pre-match - provided it was three hours before the game. You'd eat rubbish all week, and on a Saturday you'd turn into a footballer, eat some pasta, and think you were looking after yourself! My pre-match routine never changed. I'd go to Mass on a Saturday morning, have beans on toast, and then get myself to the stadium early. I always tried to leave early to beat the traffic, but I ended up arriving at 12 noon.

#### Q is for Quality: Who is the best player in the world?

At the moment, I think Kaka is the best. He's got everything you would want in a footballer and is a phenomenal talent. Lionel Messi, over the next few years, will become the best player in the world - I have no doubt about that. Looking further back, ➤



Zinedine Zidane was the best of his generation. His greatest moment was probably the goal in the Champions League final at Hampden, but he was one of the best of all-time.

**R is for Rangers: Did you love playing against them?**

For me, there was nothing better. I was as nervous in my first game against them as I was in my last game. Being a Celtic supporter, I knew how much it meant to people. There was always something at stake and you could never tell how they would go. At the start of season 1988/89, they beat us 5-1. The next time, we beat them 3-1 going on 10-1. I loved the build-up as well. From the moment the previous game finished, the nerves kicked in for the next derby.

**S is for Superstition: Did you have any?**

Not really. I don't think Catholics are meant to be superstitious so I've never really bothered about that. In fact, I think I'm superstitious about being superstitious! I've never been one to wear the same pants for weeks or anything like that!

**T is for Tommy: Will his legacy live on at Celtic?**

I'm sure it will. He will certainly live on in my heart for evermore. I pray to him every day for guidance and I always will. I adored Tommy. He was a massive help to me and a wonderful person. When I left Norwich last year, I was out of work but I feel blessed that I was able to spend New Year with Tommy and Rosemary. Our wives are very close and we will always remain friends. I'm very proud to have known Tommy.

**U is for Unbelievable: What's the best goal you've ever seen?**

I'd have to go for Marco van Basten's against Russia in the 1988 European Championships final. For pure technique and execution, it was a brilliant goal. The only one close to it in recent times is Zidane's goal at Hampden in the Champions League final. In terms of a team goal, I don't think you can look past Carlos Alberto's goal in the 1970 World Cup final. That was a team playing at the peak of their powers.



**V is for Victory: Which trophy means the most?**

The 1995 Scottish Cup means a lot to me, but the double in the centenary season will always hold special significance for me. Winning the league in 1986 was also dramatic and a brilliant feeling, because I'd played a lot of games that season and I took a lot of pride from that. But 1988 was just a dream. It was such an important season for the club and I feel immensely proud to have helped make history.

**W is for Wembley: What's the best stadium you've visited?**

I think the new Celtic Park is up there with the very best. In terms of atmosphere, you just won't beat it. I must also say that the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff is out of this world. I think I've been there five times now for finals with different teams and the atmosphere is incredible. It's a real European-type stadium. Borussia Dortmund's stadium is also impressive. We played there twice with Celtic and the atmosphere was electric.

**X is for X-Ray: What was your worst injury?**

I've had a few bizarre injuries to be honest. I remember getting a kick on the shin in the first minute of a match against Kilmarnock. I realised my shin pad was shattered, but I just played on. After the game, I went into the dressing room, pulled my boot off and my sock was covered in blood. I ended up needing 36 stitches. I also ripped my knee open on a small stone on the new Celtic Park. Again, I didn't notice right away, but you could see my bone. That needed 48 stitches. Missing out on the last five games of the centenary season with a broken foot was hard, but it didn't spoil what was an amazing year.

**Y is for Yawn: Which team-mate put you to sleep?**

I mostly shared a room with Paul McStay over the years, but when the foreigners started to arrive, Tommy Burns would put me in with them. I ended up sharing with Paolo Di Canio for a season and that was top comedy. He couldn't speak any English, and neither could I...it was hilarious. I remember giving him a row for singing Wet Wet Wet songs because the members of the band were Rangers fans. It was all a laugh, but then one of their songs came on the radio on the team bus and Paolo stunned everyone with an outburst, the content of which shall remain a secret!

**Z is for Zico: Who was your toughest opponent?**

The Argentine midfielder Fernando Redondo was just on a different planet. He was about 6'4" but he had feet like a ballerina. I played against him in a friendly and I don't think I got a touch in the whole match. It was a pleasure to play against him, sorry watch him! Other guys who stick out are Felix Magath, Lothar Matthaus, Gazza and Kenny Dalglish. They were all world-class.



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- 4 Home games in bold CIS - CIS Insurance Cup
- 5 1st 2nd 3rd Sub

# CELTIC STATS 08/09

## FIXTURES & RESULTS



COMP	DATE	OPPOSITION	RES.	ATT.	STARTING 11	SUBS
CBPL	10 AUG	ST MIRREN	1-0	57,441	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR ROBSON S BROWN HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD
CBPL	17 AUG	DUNDEE UNITED	1-1	11,648	BORUC HINKEL McMANUS	CALDWELL WILSON NAKAMURA HARTLEY S BROWN McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	23 AUG	FALKIRK				
CBPL	31 AUG	RANGERS				
CBPL	13 AUG	MOTHERWELL				
UEFA CL	16/17 SEP	MATCHDAY 1				
CBPL	20 SEP	KILMARNOCK				
CIS	24 SEP	ROUND 3				
CBPL	27 SEP	ABERDEEN				
UEFA CL	30 SEP/1 OCT	MATCHDAY 2				
CBPL	04 OCT	HAMILTON ACCIES				
CBPL	18 OCT	INVERNESS CT				
UEFA CL	21/22 OCT	MATCHDAY 3				
CBPL	25 OCT	HIBERNIAN				
CIS	28/29 OCT	QUARTER-FINAL				
CBPL	01 NOV	HEARTS				
UEFA CL	04/05 NOV	MATCHDAY 4				
CBPL	08 NOV	MOTHERWELL				
CBPL	12 NOV	KILMARNOCK				
CBPL	15 NOV	HAMILTON ACCIES				
CBPL	22 NOV	ST MIRREN				
UEFA CL	25/26 NOV	MATCHDAY 5				
CBPL	29 NOV	INVERNESS CT				
CBPL	06 DEC	HIBERNIAN				
UEFA CL	09/10 DEC	MATCHDAY 6				
CBPL	13 DEC	HEARTS				
CBPL	20 DEC	FALKIRK				
CBPL	27 DEC	RANGERS				
CBPL	03 JAN	DUNDEE UNITED				
SC	10 JAN	ROUND 4				
CBPL	17 JAN	ABERDEEN				
CBPL	24 JAN	HIBERNIAN				
CIS	27/28 JAN	SEMI-FINAL				
CBPL	31 JAN	INVERNESS CT				
SC	10 JAN	ROUND 5				
SPL	14 FEB	RANGERS				
CBPL	21 FEB	MOTHERWELL				
UEFA CL	24/25 SEP	LAST 16				
CBPL	28 FEB	ST MIRREN				
CBPL	04 MAR	KILMARNOCK				
SC	07 MAR	QUARTER-FINAL				
UEFA CL	10/11 MAR	LAST 16				
CBPL	14 MAR	FALKIRK				
CIS	14/15 MAR	FINAL				
CBPL	21 MAR	DUNDEE UNITED				
CBPL	04 APR	HAMILTON ACCIES				
UEFA CL	07/08 APR	QUARTER-FINAL				
CBPL	11 APR	HEARTS				
UEFA CL	14/15 APR	QUARTER-FINAL				
CBPL	18 APR	ABERDEEN				
SC	25/26 APRIL	SEMI-FINAL				
UEFA CL	28/29 APR	SEMI-FINAL				
CBPL	02 MAY	GAME 34				
UEFA CL	05/06 APR	SEMI-FINAL				
CBPL	09 MAY	GAME 35				
CBPL	13 MAY	GAME 36				
CBPL	16 MAY	GAME 37				
CBPL	23/24 MAY	GAME 38				
UEFA CL	27 MAY	FINAL				
SC	30 MAY	FINAL				

ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
POST-SPLIT FIXTURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.



# QUIZ

- Who was the last Scottish player to score over a century of league goals for Celtic?
- Which player while with Falkirk remains the last man to score successive hat-tricks in SPL matches?
- Which two men captained their respective sides in the Euro 2008 final between Spain and Germany?
- Who since 1970 are the only three Celts to score for the club in two separate Scottish Cup finals?
- Who was the only member of the Lisbon Lions to have won an FA Cup winner's medal in England?
- Which former manager of Falkirk also had the distinction of being the Scottish international manager in his career?
- Which three men have scored the winning goal to secure league championships victories under the management of Gordon Strachan?
- Which Celtic player has made most appearances in World Cup Final tournaments?
- Which current Falkirk player has the distinction of winning **FIVE** Scottish Cup winner's medals?
- Who remains the last Scot to score a goal in a European Cup/UEFA Champions League final?
- Which three former Celtic players are managing teams in this season's English Premier League?
- Which former Celtic player and one-time European Cup finalist had the distinction of captaining Falkirk when only 17-years-old?
- Which English club did recent Celtic signing Paddy McCourt play for between 2001 and 2005?
- Which four sides will Scotland play in their attempts to qualify for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa?
- Who since the war is the only goalkeeper to play in three successive Scottish Cup finals for Celtic?



**ANSWERS** 1. Kenny Dalglish. 2. Anthony Stokes v Dunfermline & Dundee United 2006/07. 3. Michael Ballack (Germany) & Carles Puyol (Spain). 4. Harry Hood (1971 & 1974). Dixie Deans (1972 & 1974). Henrik Larsson (2001 & 2004). 5. Ronnie Simpson (Newcastle). 6. John Prentice. 7. John Hartson (2006). Shunsuke Nakamura (2007). Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink (2008). 8. Pat Bonner (Republic of Ireland) 1990 & 1994 - 9 matches. 9. Neil McCann 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002 & 2003. 10. John Robertson (Nottingham Forest) v FC Hamburg 1980. 11. David Moyes (Everton), Roy Keane (Sunderland), Tony Mowbray (West Bromwich Albion). 12. Gary Gillespie. 13. Rochdale. 14. Holland, Macedonia, Iceland & Norway. 15. Evan Williams 1970, 1971 & 1972.

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