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Welcome back to Celtic
Park for our first home
game in what seems like
a very long time with three
matches between our league win
over Dundee United and today.

In that time we of course lifted
the Coca-Cola Cup but we must
look forward all the time and
obviously we expect a tough test
today.

It's an important game and
everyone here knows that as
Hearts now sit at the top of the
league on merit.

They have reached that position
by playing well and consistently
this season without dropping down
any levels.

But we know all about them and
we are determined to close the
gap by carrying on from our
performance against Aberdeen up
at Pittodrie.

We knew after beating Dundee
United in the Coca-Cola Cup that
Kilmarnock would make life very
difficult for us last weekend.

And as it was we were very
disappointed with the 0-0 draw at
Rugby Park but on Tuesday we
regained more of our usual play.

That is the sort of winning
performance we want to improve
on and reproduce today to
decrease the distance between us
and the top spot in the table.

But we can look forward to new

CLOSING IN ON THE TOP SPOT

signing Harald Brattbakk hopefully
helping us to get there after his
arrival on Thursday.

It won't be until this morning
though as to whether I decide to
include him today or not but I am
sure he will receive a typically loud
and memorable Celtic welcome
from you all.

Whether it is from the field or
the bench or the stand, Harald will
experience the unique atmosphere
here at Celtic Park.

The stadium and the supporters
played a key part in bringing
Harald here and with another sell-
out crowd today, I'm sure it will be
unforgettable for him.

But every player on the park
gets a lift from the noise you
make and I'm positive that you will
play your part today in another
very vital game for us.

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Stefano SALVATORI 

Colin CAMERON 

Steve FULTON 

Stephane ADAM 

Thomas FLOGEL 

Neil McCANN 

Jose QUITONGO 

John ROBERTSON 

Hearts head into fortnight of fate



Many thought Hearts' position at the top of the table wouldn't last, but here we are in December and the Edinburgh team are still leading the pack.

Today's match against Celtic and next weekend's clash with Rangers could prove to be the make or break time for the Tynecastle men who have failed, as yet, to defeat either of the Old Firm sides this season.

If they manage it on one or both of their next Saturday afternoons, perhaps they will be given the respect and attention they deserve.

Jim Jefferies has moulded a team out of virtually nothing, making some great bargain signings to add to the stalwarts he already had. "Veteran" defenders **ALAN McMANUS** and **PAUL RITCHIE**, just 23 and 22 respectively, have become an integral part of the Hearts back line in recent years.

Along with **GARY LOCKE**, they are members of the BP Youth Cup winning team from 1993.

Putting his faith in these defenders is French keeper **GILLES ROUSSET**. He has made a few bloomers in his career in Scotland, but has managed to keep impressive youngster **RODDY McKENZIE** out of the first team and is a fans' favourite, having won a number Player of the Year awards

By **MERLE BROWN**

from supporters' clubs.

DAVID WEIR, brought by Jefferies to Tynecastle from Falkirk, has recently broken into the Scotland squad and the classy defender has had to wait longer than he may have thought for the recognition he deserves. On the left of defence is full-back **NEIL POINTON**, who captained Hearts well when Gary Locke was out injured.

The 33-year-old Englishman has had an up and down time at Hearts, but this term has proved he is as good as the next man.

Locke could well be the driving force behind the team. They called Gary Mackay "Mr Hearts", but this Gary is definitely his successor - he's crazy about the Gorgie side.

In the midfield this afternoon, Celtic will have to battle it out with two of Hearts' most impressive performers this term so far.

Midfielders **STEFANO SALVATORI** and **STEVE FULTON** have kept the engineroom running brilliantly. Fulton is no stranger to Celtic Park, starting his career here in the 1980s.

He was dubbed "Baggio" by Billy McNeill, possibly the worst tag anyone could ever have bestowed on him. On leaving Celtic, he had a spell at Bolton before Jefferies brought him



to Brockville and then Tynecastle in a swap deal for David Hagen.

Fulton has been a revelation this season and his form has not gone unnoticed by Scotland boss Craig Brown, who looks set to cap him.

Salvatori is a former AC Milan, Fiorentina and Atalanta star, and you won't get a game for clubs of that calibre unless you're a half-decent player! This term the Italian has proved his worth and can play anywhere in the midfield.

Another from foreign climes in the midfield area is Austrian **THOMAS FLOGEL**, brought to Hearts thanks to the Bosman ruling. Flogel, who played over 350 games for Austria Vienna, turned down moves to Holland, Belgium and France to come to Tynecastle.

He had a nightmare start against Rangers, hauled off at half-time in his first game, but has since shown that was a one-off, playing some great football and hitting the net regularly.

Hitting the net a wee bit more regularly than Flogel, or most others for that matter is of course, **JOHN ROBERTSON**. The little striker has been at Tynecastle since leaving school, except for a short-lived nine-month move to Newcastle in 1988. He has been top scorer each season and is the second-top goal scorer in the history of the Premier Division.

Last season he got the one record he wanted, breaking Jimmy Wardhaugh's long standing record as Hearts' top goalscorer with 206 goals, netting twice in a 3-1 win over Rangers in May this year.

STEPHANE ADAM, therefore, has a lot to live up to, but the Frenchman who Hearts signed from Metz at the end of last term isn't doing too badly at all and has established himself as a major player in this Hearts team.

Another who can score and turn on the skill is **NEIL McCANN**. This afternoon, the former Dundee winger will be looking to put in much more impressive show than the last against Celtic when he was hardly given room to move in the 2-1 defeat at Tynecastle earlier this year.

If you want a midfielder player who can score goals, than **COLIN CAMERON** is your man. He netted in that 2-1 match and the £350,000-plus-John-Millar buy from Raith Rovers has proved to be another shrewd bit of business on Jefferies' part. An ever-present last term, his running from midfield will always cause problems.

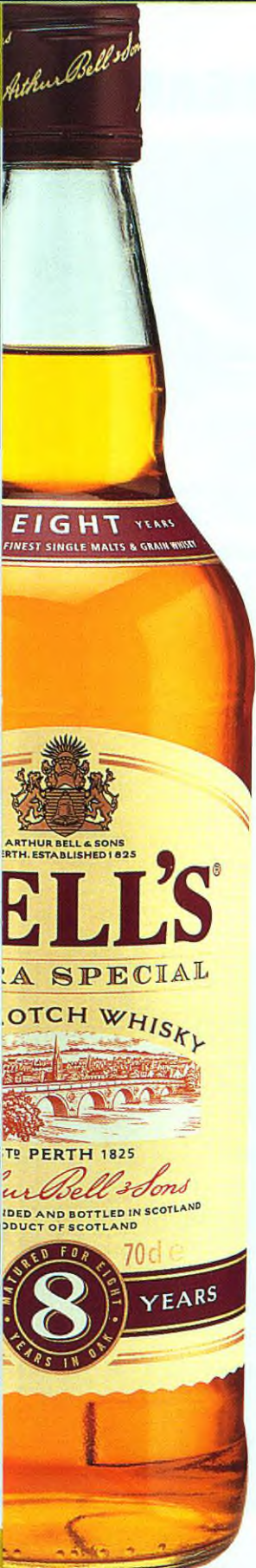
On the subs bench you will be more than likely to find striker **JIM HAMILTON** who has had trouble keeping his place this season, despite doing well last year, and new boy **JOSE QUITONGO**, who has already scored a couple of goals for his new club since joining from Hamilton Acas just a few months ago. Quitongo is already a big favourite with the Hearts fans for his goal against city rivals Hibernian and just his sheer skill and artistry that every football fan admires.

Veteran defender **DAVE McPHERSON** is in his second spell at Hearts and should be back in the reckoning soon, after recovering from injury.



- GILLES ROUSSET** (Goalkeeper)
Age 34 - Signed from Rennes in 1995
- RODDY McKENZIE** (Goalkeeper)
Age 22 - Signed from Stenhousemuir in 1996
- STEPHEN FRAIL** (Defender)
Age 28 - Signed from Dundee in 1994
- NEIL POINTON** (Defender)
Age 33 - Signed from Oldham in 1995
- PAUL RITCHIE** (Defender)
Age 22 - Signed from Links United in 1992
- DAVE McPHERSON** (Defender)
Age 33 - Signed from Rangers in 1994
- ALAN McMANUS** (Defender)
Age 23 - Signed from Links United in 1992
- GARY LOCKE** (Defender)
Age 22 - Signed from Whitehill Welfare in 1992
- DAVID WEIR** (Defender)
Age 27 - Signed from Falkirk in 1996
- GARY NAYSMITH** (Defender)
Age 18 - Signed from Whitehill Welfare in 1996
- COLIN CAMERON** (Midfield)
Age 25 - Signed from Raith Rovers in 1996
- STEVE FULTON** (Midfield)
Age 27 - Signed from Falkirk in 1995
- STEFANO SALVATORI** (Midfield)
Age 29 - Signed from Atalanta in 1996
- THOMAS FLOGEL** (Midfield)
Age 26 - Signed from Austria Vienna in 1997
- NEIL McCANN** (Midfield)
Age 22 - Signed from Dundee in 1996
- KEVIN THOMAS** (Forward)
Age 22 - Signed from Links United in 1992
- STUART CALLAGHAN** (Forward)
Age 21 - Signed from Biantyre BC in 1992
- STEPHANE ADAM** (Forward)
Age 28 - Signed from Metz in 1997
- JOSE QUITONGO** (Forward)
Age 23 - Signed from Hamilton in 1997
- JOHN ROBERTSON** (Forward)
Age 33 - Signed from Newcastle

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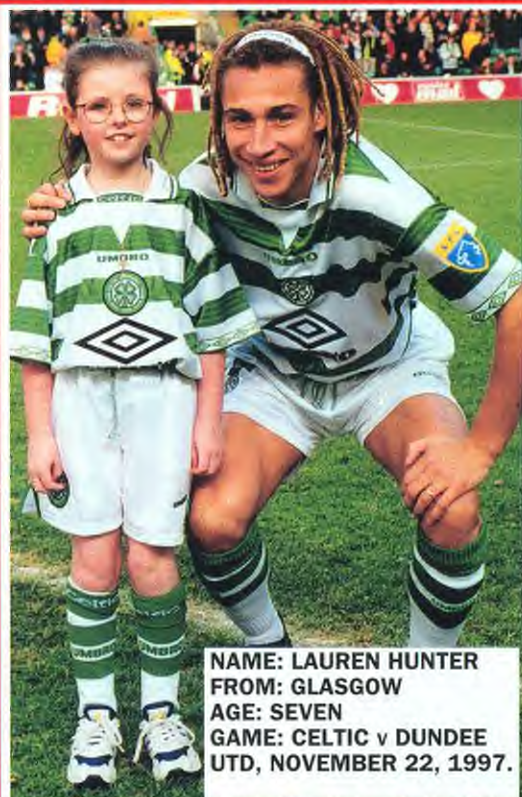
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FROM: GLASGOW
AGE: SEVEN
GAME: CELTIC v DUNDEE
UTD, NOVEMBER 22, 1997.**

The game against Dundee United on November 22 was like most Saturday's for young Lauren Hunter. She was looking forward, as always, to travelling to Celtic Park with her family for the big game.

That Saturday, however, had one slight difference. She would be the lucky mascot and instead of watching her favourite players from her seat in the North Stand, she would be leading them through the tunnel and on to another victory. What a difference!

Young Lauren is a season book holder and has been coming to Celtic Park for as long as she can remember. Most

MEET THE MASCOT

of the memories of her heroes are good ones, but none can compare to when she met them all in person and got the chance to show off her new mascot strip. Lauren was also looking forward to showing her grandad her proof of meeting one of HIS heroes, Bertie Auld, who signed her new Young Hoops autograph book.

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