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Introduction

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

History

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

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

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

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

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

Summary

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

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>> GORDON STRACHAN



WE will all pay tribute to a former Celt today when a minute's applause takes place in honour of Phil O'Donnell who was so sadly taken from his family on December 29.

His passing was all the more poignant in that he was captaining his Motherwell team-mates to victory over Dundee United at the time and our thoughts are with Phil's wife Eileen and their kids at this sad time.

We haven't played any games since that tragic passing as no-one could concentrate on football but we return to the pitch today for the visit of Stirling Albion on Scottish Cup duty.

We go into this game as holders of the trophy and it goes without saying that we still want to be holders come the end of May.

That means we have to approach this game in the correct manner and our attitude has to be right if we want to achieve our aim.

We've had decent results in our last couple of SPL

games with a 2-0 away win over Dundee United and Gretna being defeated 3-0 here at Celtic Park so we will want that run to continue against Stirling Albion today.

Their league position won't come into our thoughts and they will be paid every respect as they are in a no-lose situation so we are expecting a tough test this afternoon.

We have been given a boost going into this game, though, with activity on the transfer front and I'm sure you will all give a typical Celtic welcome to our two 'new' signings.

One needs no introduction at all but I'm sure that the 'signing' of Artur Boruc has delighted all Celtic fans.

The real new signing is, of course, Andreas Hinkel and I know that he can't wait to take to the pitch in Celtic colours.

We aim to go through to the next round and we can do that with your help after paying our respects to Phil O'Donnell.



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UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday, January 19
Scottish Premier League
Celtic v Kilmarnock

Wednesday, January 23
Scottish Premier League
Celtic v Rangers

Sunday, January 27
Scottish Premier League
Falkirk v **Celtic**

Wednesday, January 30
Scottish Premier League
Motherwell v **Celtic**

Sunday, February 10
Scottish Premier League
Aberdeen v **Celtic**



CLUB HONOURS

Scottish League Winners [41 times]
1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98,
1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08,
1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15,
1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22,
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1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73,
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1981-82, 1985-86, 1987-88, 1997-98,
2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06,
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Scottish Cup Winners [34 times]
1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908,
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1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975,
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2001, 2004, 2005, 2007

League Cup Winners [13 times]
1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67,
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2005-06

European Cup Winners 1967

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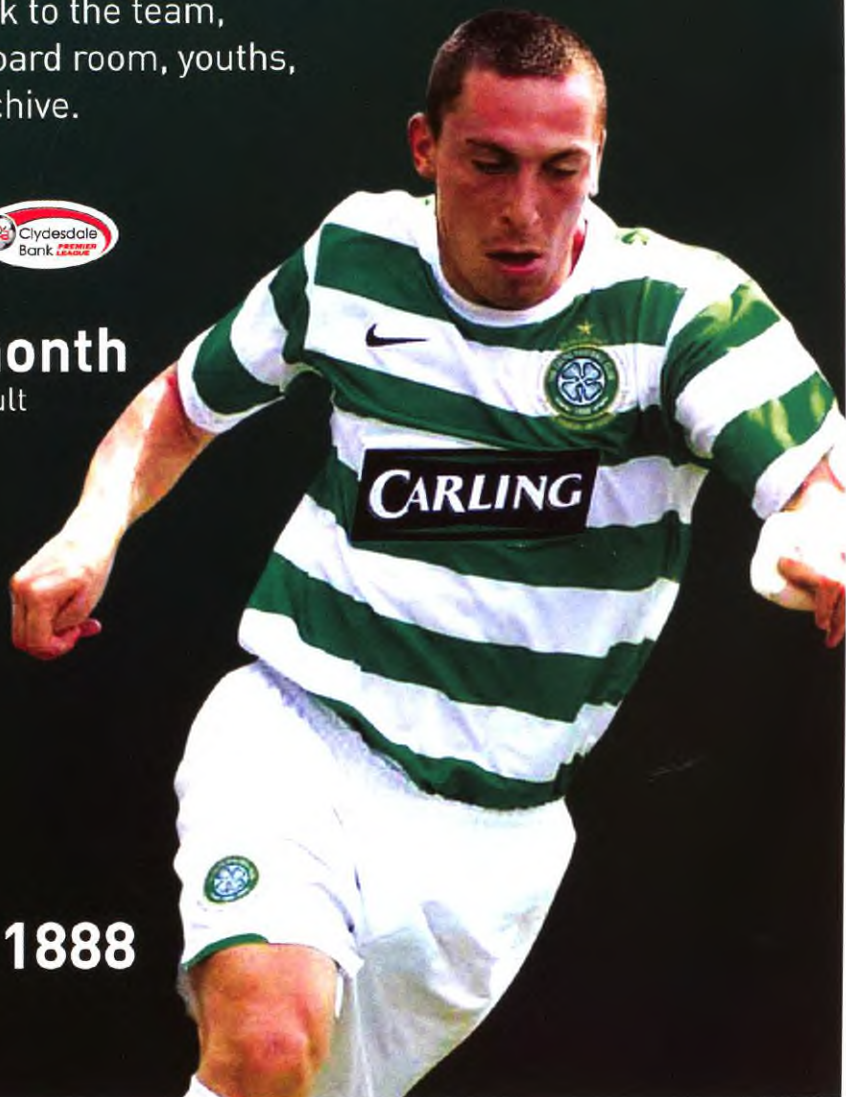
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A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at www.celticfc.net or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

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 - 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.

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

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

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

>> A WORD FROM THE CAPTAIN

OUR first competitive match of 2008 is a Scottish Cup tie and, as the holders, we're determined to hold on to the trophy we won back in May.

However, our opponents today, Stirling Albion, will have something to say about that and I'm sure they'll relish the chance to play here at Celtic Park. We have prepared as thoroughly for this game as we do for every other fixture and that means giving our opponents the respect they deserve.

The players here are focused and determined to get the job done today and, with your backing, we will hopefully be able to progress to the next round of the competition.

The news over the past few days that we'd signed Andreas Hinkel, along with Artur Boruc's decision to commit his future to the club, has been a welcome boost for everyone. Artur has been a brilliant player for us over the past couple of years and everyone's delighted that he's signed a new deal.

I'd also like to welcome Andreas to the club. You only have to look at what he's already achieved in the

game to see that he's a top quality signing and I'm sure you'll all be impressed by what you see.

The fact that we're almost halfway through January before playing our first game of 2008 is obviously down to the most tragic of reasons. Phil O'Donnell was a great professional over many years, the sort of player that we all aspire to be like, and his loss is something we're all still trying to come to terms with.

Some of us were lucky enough to know Phil outwith the game and he was just a great guy who was absolutely devoted to his family. Everyone's thoughts are with Eileen and the kids, as well as Phil's parents and all his family.



Stephen McManus





>> TODAY'S VISITORS

S TIRLING Albion may have found life tough in Division One but they will be relishing a trip to the home of the Scottish Champions this afternoon.

Having defeated Stranraer so impressively in the last round - winning 6-0 away from home - Allan Moore's men were rewarded with a tie at Celtic Park.

And while the Scottish Cup holders will be the overwhelming favourites to progress to the next round, Gordon Strachan's side will remain focused and determined to win the match and avoid any potential upset.

Ahead of this afternoon's match, we take a look at some of the men who could be facing the Hoops.

SCOTT CHRISTIE

Having come through the youth ranks at Forthbank, Christie signed a professional contract at the start of season 2004/05 at the age of 16. He then went on to make his top-team debut against Brechin on April 30, 2005. Now aged 20, Christie has made eight appearances for Albion this season, including the last round of the Scottish Cup, when his side won 6-0 at Stranraer. He also kept a clean sheet against Division One league leaders, Hamilton last weekend.

MYLES HOGARTH

The former Hearts and Falkirk keeper has proved himself to be a fans' favourite since joining Stirling at the end of the 2002/03 season. Having initially been signed by Alan Moore as cover, the keeper blossomed as the manager invested his faith in him and he has now made over 150 appearances in six seasons at Forthbank. Hogarth brings to Stirling a wealth of experience, having also enjoyed spells at Alloa, Hamilton and Airdrie. He has made 16 appearances this season, most recently against Morton on January 2.

PAUL NUGENT

After moving to Forthbank in 2001 from Clyde, the then 18-year-old Nugent endured a baptism of fire, making his debut in an 8-0 defeat against Celtic in

the League Cup. However, the defender recovered to put in some outstanding displays and was watched by Aberdeen and Wigan before spending a week on trial with Hibernian. Nugent missed most of last season through injury, but still managed to clock up 20 appearances and score the goal of the season in the play-offs. The 24-year-old has been an almost ever-present this season.

ROSS FORSYTH

A versatile performer, Forsyth joined Albion from St Johnstone in 2005, making his debut in a 1-0 win over Ayr in the first round of the Bell's Challenge Cup, and he has featured in nearly all of Stirling's games in the last two seasons. An outstanding performer for the club, Forsyth was voted the Albion Supporters' Trust Player of the Year and also won the Supporters' Club Player of the Year award last season.

LAURIE ELLIS

The 28-year-old started his career at Raith Rovers, making around 100 appearances in five seasons, before moving on to St Mirren in 2003. Ellis then made a Rovers return for one season and spent last year at Cowdenbeath before joining Albion ahead of the current season. This term he has so far proved to be another consistent and solid part of Stirling's defence.

ANDY GRAHAM

Andy signed from Glasgow Amateurs at the start of 2005/06 and immediately showed that his lack of experience in senior football was no barrier to progress. In a stunning debut campaign, where he proved to be strong in the tackle, good in the air and comfortable with the ball at his feet, the 24-year-old won most of the end-of-season awards in his debut year, including the Stirlingalbion.com and Supporters' Club Player of the Year gongs. He has made 17 appearances for the club this season.

CHRIS AITKEN

Signed in January 2005 to bolster the Binos midfield, the former Morton, Clyde and Hamilton man made an immediate impact, scoring some spectacular goals. ▶

STIRLING ALBION



>> TODAY'S VISITORS

Injury kept him out of the start of the following campaign, but he was soon back in the team and finished as second top scorer with 13 goals. Last season Aitken was nominated for the Second Division Player of the Year award, was included in the Second Division Team of the Year, received the Players' Player of the Year gong and scored 12 goals as a virtual ever-present in midfield. He has scored seven goals this term, including two in the previous round of the Scottish Cup.

PAUL HAY

Joined from Clyde in March 2001 and made his debut in a 3-0 victory away to Stranraer. Now in his eighth season with the club, Hay is established as one of the club's longest serving players and has made well over 200 appearances. A key player in the Binos' promotion from the Third and Second Division's as a utility player, the 27-year-old continues to prove his worth to the team.

ERIK PAARTALU

The Australian midfielder has moved to Forthbank from Gretna in a loan deal this month. Paartalu started out with Northern Spirit in his homeland before enjoying spells with Northern Tigers and Parramatta Eagles. He then moved to Gretna in January 2006 and was a key player in their promotion to the SPL, scoring four goals in 20 matches. He will be looking to recapture that form in the second half of this season at the Binos.

DAVID MCKENNA

Originally on the books at St Mirren, McKenna was a prolific goalscorer during a loan spell at Cowdenbeath, scoring nine goals in 15 games in the Blue Brazil's Third Division championship-winning season. The centre-forward has so far proved his worth in his debut year at Forthbank, scoring nine goals in the league and cup competitions before Christmas.

DEREK LILLEY

Veteran striker Lilley first made the breakthrough with Morton, where he established himself as a cult hero. A £500,000 move to Premiership side Leeds United soon followed and he spent a season-and-a-half at Elland Road, making 65 appearances and also spending loan

spells at Bury and Hearts. After a season at Oxford United he returned to the SPL and Dundee United and Livingston. A return to Morton then beckoned before Lilley moved on to St Johnstone. Lilley was then snapped up by Alan Moore last summer. He adds considerable experience to the squad.

NICKY WALKER

The 20-year-old winger was signed from Whitehall Welfare after impressing as a trialist during pre-season. He has taken time to adapt to the demands of the First Division but has shown evidence of his talent, pace and ability this season, grabbing a brace in Albion's six-goal thumping of Stranraer in the previous round of the competition.

ROSS HARRIS

Harris started out at Celtic Park, where he came through the Youth Academy, playing in title-winning Under-19 and reserve sides. The search for first-team football then took him to Tayside, where he made around 20 appearances for Dundee last year, scoring two goals in his first season at the club. Harris moved to Forthbank in the summer, where he immediately impressed in pre-season. The midfielder, formerly known as 'Harry', has also picked up a new nickname in Stirling and is known as 'Rolf' to the Binos fans.

NATHAN TAGGART

Nathan Taggart is another player to have emerged from the Albion youth ranks, making his debut against Brechin in 2004/05. Injuries to the first-team squad allowed him his chance to break into the side last season and since that date, he has been a regular feature, scoring twice last season and featuring in most of the games this term.

MAREK TOMANA

Central midfielder Tomana joined the Binos in 2006 after impressing as a trialist in a series of pre-season friendlies. The Slovak had previously enjoyed spells with FC Tatran Presov and FC Vion and he immediately impressed in his first season at the club, winning the stirlingalbion.com Player of the Year ►

STIRLING ALBION

CHRIS AITKEN

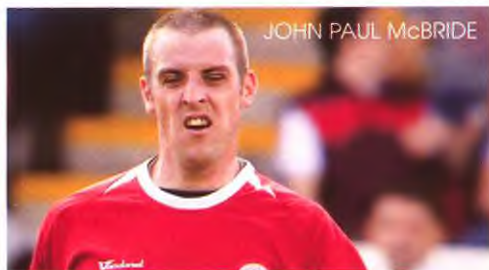


>> TODAY'S VISITORS

award. The midfielder has battled back after a series of injuries this season.

JOHN PAUL McBRIDE

Midfielder McBride started his career at Celtic in the mid-90s and succeeded in breaking through to the first team. Billy Stark then made him his major signing for St Johnstone, where McBride made around 80 SPL appearances in four seasons. A move to Aarhus in Denmark followed before he was signed by League of Ireland club, Derry City. McBride then returned to Scotland for a season with Partick Thistle, before spending three years at Stenhousemuir. The 29-year-old is now a key player in midfield for the Binos.



JOHN PAUL McBRIDE

STIRLING ALBION FACTFILE

FOUNDED: 1945

GROUND: Forthbank Stadium

CAPACITY: 3,808

MANAGER: Allan Moore

COLOURS: Red and white

RECORD ATTENDANCE: 26,400 v Celtic, 1959 (at Annfield)

RECORD VICTORY: 20-0 v Selkirk, 1984

RECORD DEFEAT: 0-9 v Dundee United, 1967

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN A SEASON: Joe Hughes, 1969/70 (27 goals)

HONOURS

Division II:

1952/53; 1957/58; 1960/61; 1964/65

Second Division:

1976/77; 1990/91; 1995/96

RESULTS THIS SEASON

LEAGUE

Stirling Albion 1-1 Partick Thistle
 St Johnstone 2-2 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 0-0 Morton
 Dunfermline 2-1 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 3-3 Livingston
 Hamilton 4-0 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 2-2 Dundee
 Queen of the South 2-2 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 0-2 Clyde
 Partick Thistle 1-1 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 3-0 Dunfermline
 Morton 1-1 Stirling Albion
 Livingston 4-3 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 2-4 Hamilton
 Dundee 3-1 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 1-3 Queen of the South
 Stirling Albion 0-0 St Johnstone
 Dunfermline 2-1 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 1-2 Morton
 Hamilton 0-0 Stirling Albion

SCOTTISH CUP

Stranraer 0-6 Stirling Albion

LEAGUE CUP

Brechin City 0-1 Stirling Albion
 Stirling Albion 0-2 Hearts

CHALLENGE CUP

Montrose 5-1 Stirling Albion

SCORERS

David McKenna 9
 Chris Aitken 7
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LAURIE ELLIS

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STIRLING BHOY

GARY CALDWELL IS LOOKING FORWARD TO
PLAYING AGAINST HIS HOMETOWN TEAM

TODAY'S Scottish Cup tie sees Celtic face Stirling Albion for the 41st time since they first met in 1949, a match, incidentally, that Albion won 2-1.

For Celtic defender, Gary Caldwell, the game also gives him the chance to play his hometown team and a side he sometimes watched when he was a youngster.

Born and brought up as a Celtic supporter in the Stirling area, Caldwell attended a handful of Binos' games with his older brother, Stephen, before they moved south to begin their professional careers with Newcastle United.

The central belt has certainly produced more than its fair share of talented players down through the years, including world-class performers in Billy Bremner and Alan Hansen, to name just two.

Stirling is also, as Caldwell explained, a port of call for scouts from almost every top flight club and as they host their training days and youth trials, the Binos face fierce competition in their pursuit of local talent.

"I played in school teams, I played in local county teams,

"THE FIRST DIVISION IS NOT A MILLION MILES AWAY FROM THE STANDARD IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE AND LIKE I SAID, THIS IS THEIR CUP FINAL."

but I never had the chance to have a go at any training with Stirling Albion," explained the Celtic centre-back.

"I was picked up by Newcastle playing for Bannockburn Boys' Club and moved down there and I think that Stirling have quite a lot of competition in picking up young players in that area.

"When I was growing up a lot of the big clubs would watch that central Scotland area quite closely, picking up a lot of players from the Falkirk area as well, so it's hard for them to get the better players.

"I went to the odd couple of games at the new Forthbank Stadium when I was younger," added Caldwell, "but I wouldn't say that I went to a lot, just a few.

"When I was growing up they were just building the new stadium, which was quite a big thing for the club, because they used to play on Astro turf.

"So the new stadium opened, it created a fair amount of interest in the local area and I went along to a few games then."

There is, however, no existing family link with the First Division club today, with the Caldwell family Celtic

connection having obviously been strengthened by Gary's switch to Celtic Park.

The Hoops defender has, however, watched with some interest as manager Allan Moore gained widespread praise for winning promotion last season with considerable style and has also succeeded in carving-out a few upsets against more 'established' clubs this term.

"They seem to have yo-yoed between the First and Second divisions in recent years," continued Caldwell. "But this looks like a strong side now and even this season, I've watched them get some right good results from the teams up near the top of the table.

"They might be at the bottom and struggling, but we will be professional today and are certainly not going to take them lightly.

"We have a job to do, this is their cup final and they are going to be really up for it, so it's up to us as professionals to do the same.

"The First Division is not a million miles away from the standard in the Premier League and like I said, this is their cup final.

"They will be giving it everything they've got and it's up to us to be ready and prepared for that and to show them how good we are. Hopefully we can do that."

Indeed, the Celtic squad have planned and prepared for this tie with all of their usual thoroughness and intensity.

"This is obviously a game we should win and everyone at Celtic Park will be expecting us to win this afternoon," added Caldwell. ▶





"That's no disrespect to Stirling in saying that and to do that, we have to have the right attitude on the day.

"We have had a little bit of a break from things lately, so there may be a little bit of rustiness there, but it's important that we put on a performance."

While the squad have prepared for their first game of 2008, the club's training centre at Lennoxton has been the hub of frenzied behind-the-scenes activity.

And last Monday afternoon, German internationalist Andreas Hinkel was unveiled to the press after training with his new team-mates for the first time.

And, as Caldwell explained, it is an exciting time as the players look forward to the challenges in the second half of the campaign.

"January is always a funny month," he commented, "but you just wait and see what develops and then see what you have at the end of January.

"Then, after that, you have a good three or four months to really push on as a squad and win the league and Scottish Cup.

"That's our aim and I am sure that the players who come in will strengthen our chances for that and I am sure we can achieve our goals. I think people are really looking forward to this second half of the season," Caldwell added.

"Last year, with all due respect to everybody, I think that the league was won by this stage.

"In the past we have always built up a good lead, so this year it's a different challenge and one that we are really looking forward to.

"But today we are focused on Stirling and we are determined to get to the final again this season.

"Last year was my first winner's medal and it will always live with me and at this club you want to win every competition you enter. We will certainly be going out to do that this year."

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HISTORY

ON THIS DAY IN

WORDS: DAVID FRIEL

2002

CELTIC beat Kilmarnock 2-0 at Rugby Park on this day in 2002 and the match is memorable for a rare Paul Lambert goal.

During his eight years at Celtic, the cultured midfielder never possessed a prolific scoring rate - 14 in total - but when he did bulge the net it was more often than not a memorable effort.

Who can forget his rising drive in the pivotal New Year derby against Rangers in 1998, his 40-yard effort against Motherwell at Fir Park, his low shot against Rangers in the 6-2 match or his half-volley against Stuttgart in the UEFA Cup?

Yes, Lambert had that happy knack of scoring spectacular goals and he continued that against Kilmarnock in this win. After John Hartson had put the Hoops in front with a penalty, the Hoops skipper took centre stage.

After gliding into the box with some fantastic individual skill, he lobbed the ball over a Killie defender and kept his composure to beat Gordon Marshall with a stunning half-volley.

1994

CELTIC made a trip to Dublin and officially helped to switch on the floodlights at Richmond Park - home of St Patrick's on this day in 1994.

And guess who shone for the Hoops with a clinical double in a 4-1 win friendly win? None other than Wayne Biggins.

Yes, you read that right. The man who made 10 competitive appearances for Celtic and scored a grand total of zero goals managed to somehow find the net during the match in Ireland...**TWICE!** Paul McStay and Paul Byrne were also on target.

Nicknamed 'Bertie', Biggins was bought by Lou Macari and immediately gave the long-suffering Hoops fans something to get excited about when he proclaimed upon his arrival: "I wouldn't class myself as a prolific goalscorer".

While that counts as the understatement of the century, his parting words weren't much better - "I don't want to be remembered as a flop".

Biggins' stint at Celtic was short and not very sweet, with the Englishman moving to Stoke City just four months after joining. His departure came in March 1994 and marked the end of a forgettable era at Celtic.

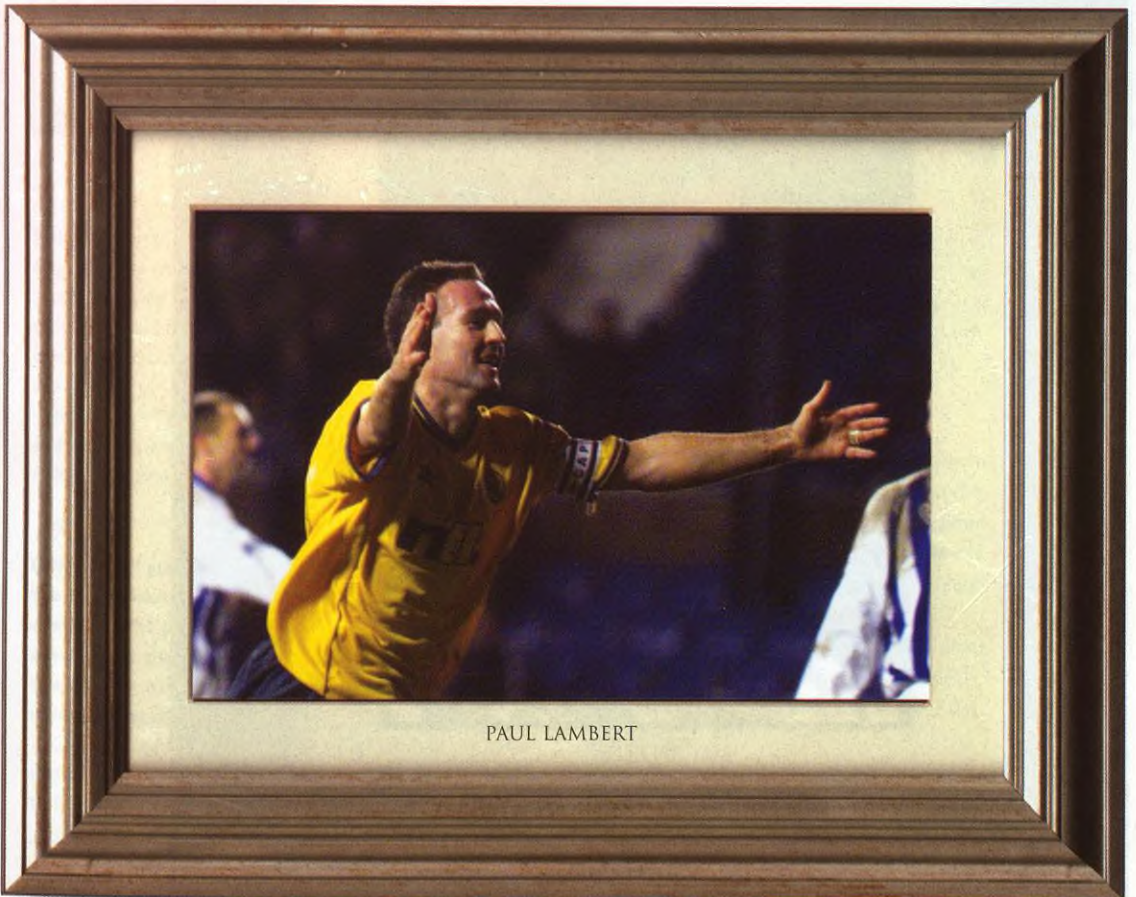
1980

THERE was a battle of the greens on this day in 1980, with Celtic travelling to Easter Road to play out a 1-1 draw.

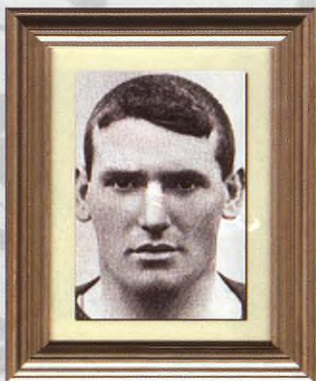
The Celtic team on that occasion was: Latchford, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, MacDonald, McAdam, Provan, ►



From left to right: Wayne Biggins and Paul McStay



PAUL LAMBERT

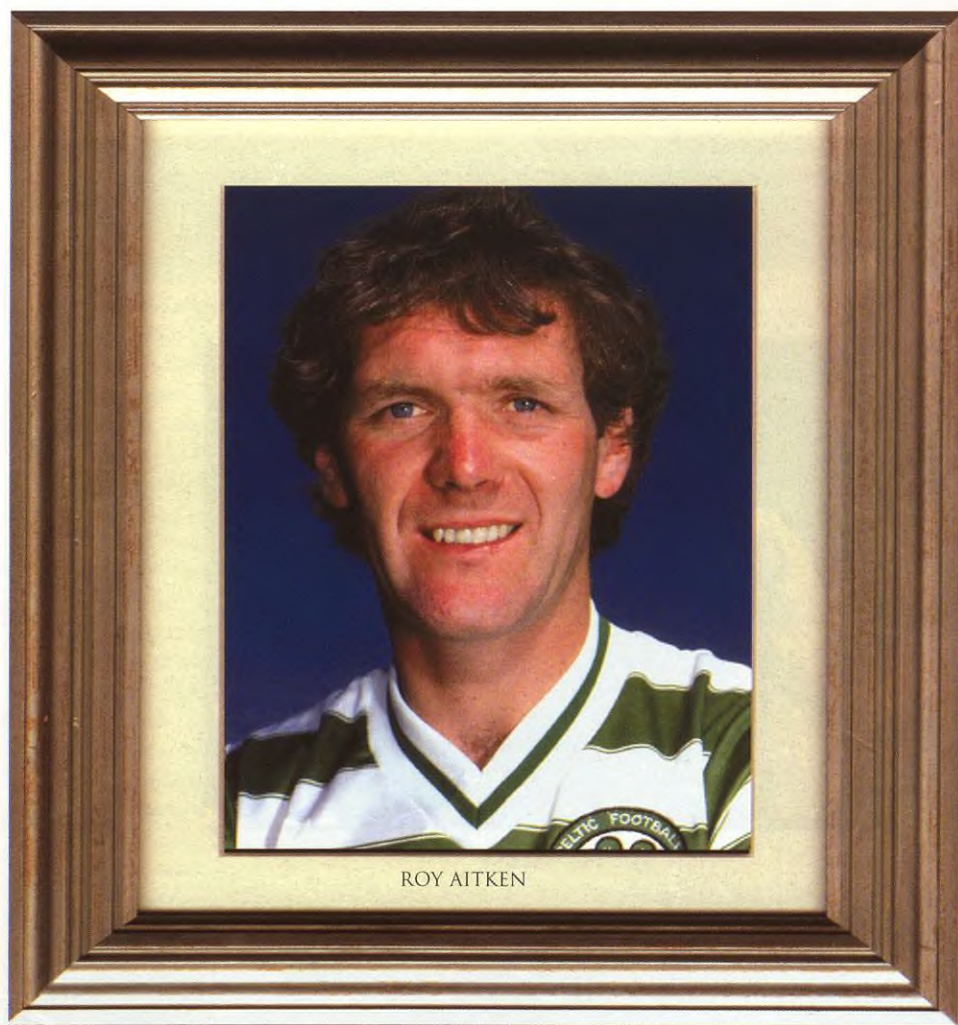


Above: Jimmy Quinn

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ROY AITKEN



GEORGE CONNELLY

Sullivan, Lennox, MacLeod and Doyle. Roy Aitken was on target for the Hoops.

After making his debut as a teenager, Aitken was a Celtic stalwart for the best part of 15 years and remains one of the most successful players to have pulled on the Hoops.

Nicknamed 'The Bear' for his all-action style in defence and midfield, Aitken made a total of 667 appearances for Celtic. He scored 55 goals and won 10 medals.

1966

UKRAINIAN giants Dynamo Kyiv visited Celtic Park in the Cup-Winners' Cup on this day in 1966 and while events on the park weren't overly memorable - a 1-1 draw gave Celtic a 4-1 aggregate quarter-final win - the evening will never be forgotten for some unique entertainment.

George Connelly, who was in his mid-teens at the time, was sent on to the Celtic Park pitch before kick-off and thrilled the crowd with an astonishing display of ball juggling - walking around the perimeter of the playing field without letting the ball drop.

Within years, Connelly was starring at Paradise on a

weekly basis. He made his debut in April 1968 and soon became known as one of the best players in Britain.

In total, he won nine medals with the Hoops before he decided to retire from the game in the mid-1970s while still in his prime.

1901

THIS day in 1901 will go down as one of the most important in the club's history, given that it marked the official signing of professional forms by Jimmy Quinn. One of the best players ever to represent the club, the Croy Bhoys scored a staggering 216 goals in just over 300 games for Celtic.

Signed by Willie Maley from Smithston Albion, he won trophies galore and was the free-scoring focal point of a Celtic side that won six successive league titles and five Scottish Cups.

Quinn made a habit of scoring in cup finals. His finest moment, however, arguably came in the 1904 Scottish Cup final when, with Celtic trailing 2-0 to Rangers at half-time, the man known as the Mighty Quinn fired in a clinical hat-trick.

HELLO

- 1944** Boxer Joe Frazier is born in South Carolina
1968 Brazilian footballer Mauro Silva is born
1969 Croatian footballer Robert Prosinecki is born
1974 Spice Girl Mel C is born in Merseyside

GOODBYE

- 1976** English writer Agatha Christie dies aged 85
1997 Nobel prize-winning cancer researcher Charles Huggins dies at 95
2003 Bee Gee Maurice Gibb dies aged 53

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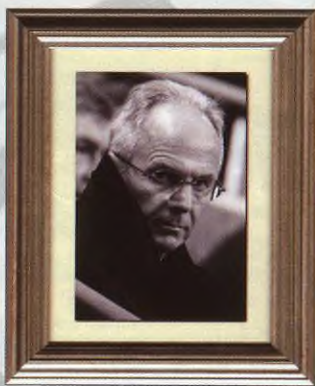
- 1773** The first public museum is organised in America
1966 *Batman*, the TV series, debuts on ABC in the States
1969 Led Zeppelin release their eponymous debut album
2001 Swede Sven-Goran Eriksson officially becomes England manager

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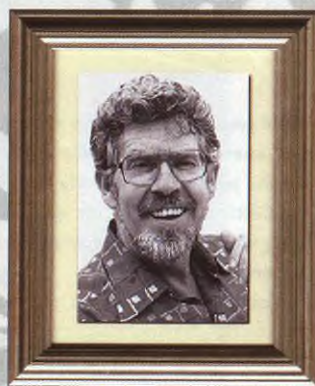
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| 1955 Dickie Valentine: | <i>Finger of Suspicion</i> |
| 1960 Emile Ford & The Checkmates: | <i>What Do You Want to Make Those Eyes at Me For?</i> |
| 1965 The Beatles: | <i>I Feel Fine</i> |
| 1970 Rolf Harris: | <i>Two Little Boys</i> |
| 1975 Mud Lonely: | <i>This Christmas</i> |
| 1980 Pink Floyd: | <i>Another Brick In The Wall</i> |
| 1985 Band Aid: | <i>Do They Know It's Christmas?</i> |
| 1990 Band Aid II: | <i>Do They Know It's Christmas?</i> |
| 1995 East 17: | <i>Stay Another Day</i> |
| 2000 Westlife: | <i>I Have A Dream/Seasons in the Sun</i> |
| 2005 Steve Brookstein: | <i>Against All Odds</i> |



Above: Mel C



Above: Sven-Goran Eriksson



Above: Rolf Harris

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>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS

WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

HISTORY was made on November 12, 1949 when Celtic met Stirling Albion for the first time ever following the new club's introduction to the Scottish League just two seasons earlier.

The actual meeting wasn't the only historical significance on the day, though, as the 25,000 attracted to the tie at Annfield remained a stadium record until the venue ceased to exist in 1993.

Rather more significantly though, Stirling Albion historians revel in the fact that the new club marked the day of their biggest ever crowd by recording a win over Celtic when the clubs met for the very first time ever.

Even though the 25,000 crowd were pulled in by the lure of Celtic names such as Bobby Evans, Bobby Collins and Charlie Tully among others, the Binos contrived to win 2-1 on the day and cause something of a shock.

Jones had put the home side ahead in 24th minute but parity, not to mention a modicum of good old fashioned logic, was restored in the 32nd minute when John McPhail equalised.

All logic went out the window though in the 80th minute when Jones struck again and the home side had struck the first blow between the clubs.

That would be the first of only six wins for Stirling Albion in the 40 games played between the clubs so far with Celtic winning 29 and five of the games being drawn.

The Celts have scored 120 goals in those 40 games for the loss of 37 with the Bhoys hitting seven goals in no fewer than four of the meetings.

The most recent clash though saw an 8-0 League Cup win for the Bhoys here at Celtic Park back in 2001 in front of 29,933 and that's the game we take a look at in today's matchday programme.

CELTIC 8-0 STIRLING ALBION

Hartson 22,74, Maloney 28, 41, 53, 68

Tebily, 72, Healy 78

CELTIC began their defence of the CIS Insurance Cup with an emphatic 8-0 rout over Stirling Albion to set up an interesting tie against Livingston in the next round of the tournament.

The inevitable gulf in class between the Third Division side and the SPL Champions translated itself into a glut of goals, and in the end Celtic could have won by an even wider margin.

Aside from the obvious bonus that came with the result there was much for Martin O'Neill to be pleased about, and in addition to the first-team return of Morten Wieghorst, the contribution of rookie striker Shaun Maloney would have impressed the Irishman.

The 18-year-old had been on the fringes of the first team squad that season but would have done his prospects no harm at all with a fine display - capped with four goals by the close of play.



John Hartson netted a double while Olivier Tebily and Colin Healy also got in on the act in the latter stages of the match.

It was a professional showing from a Celtic side that boasted a number of squad players who were keen to show the manager just what they are capable of.

However, O'Neill still opted for an insurance policy by naming Henrik Larsson and Chris Sutton on the bench.

As it was, their contribution was never called upon as those who deputised for the regular front pairing enjoyed a fine outing.

The opening goal took just over 20 minutes to arrive but by the time the whistle had sounded for the interval Celtic were three goals to the good and as soon as the match restarted the Third Division side caved in.

A 25-minute spell in the second period saw the Hoops net four goals to sink the visitors and ensure that there would be no embarrassing slip-ups en route to the quarter finals of the cup.

The youth players who served the Hoops so well in this competition the previous year were heavily involved with Stephen Crainey and Colin Healy kicking off the match, while Jamie Smith arrived after the interval in place of Lubomir Moravcik.

They were overshadowed somewhat by the performance of Maloney and his ruthlessness in front of goal, but the trio turned in another competent display.

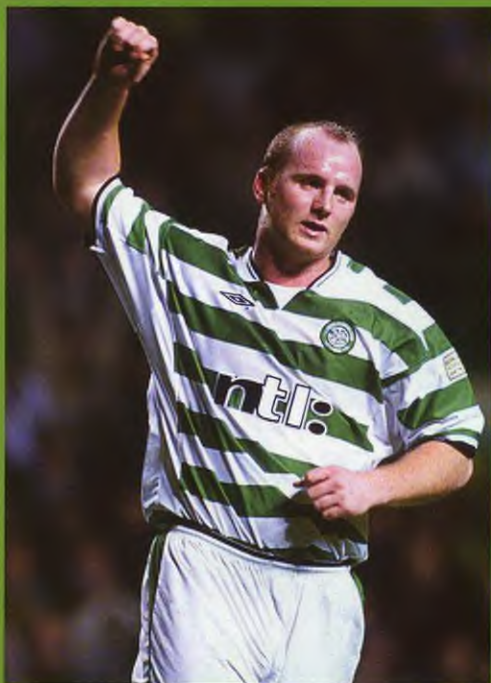
Smith in particular posed a real threat on the left flank and it was one of his jinks followed by a pinpoint cross that led to Maloney's hat-trick eight minutes after the restart, while Crainey came close to netting the opening goal in the 12th minute when he unleashed a fierce 20-yard drive that was well held by Chris Reid, the Stirling keeper.

It was difficult not to feel a little sympathy for Stirling Albion, who were just one goal away from equalling their worst ever defeat, but to be fair the 8-0 win could have easily spiralled into double figures.

Referee Stuart Douglas dismissed a couple of legitimate penalty claims, but it is to Celtic's credit that despite cruising for the bulk of the game they continually churned out genuine scoring opportunities.

Reid pulled off a couple of decent stops from Hartson and Maloney while Jackie McNamara could also have got his name on the scoresheet.

By the time the 90 minutes were up any fears of a cup upset had been laid to rest, while many positives also emerged from the game against the Third Division outfit.



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IN WITH THE NEW

CELTIC'S NEWEST PLAYER IS HOPING TO PLAY HIS PART IN THE BHOYS' BID TO RETAIN WORLD FOOTBALL'S OLDEST TROPHY.

THE last time Glasgow was on his mind was when Sevilla lined up against Espanyol in last season's UEFA Cup final at Hampden but Andreas Hinkel didn't feature in the action that night as his team-mates recorded a 3-1 penalty shoot-out win following a 2-2 draw after extra-time.

He's looking at more cup action in Glasgow this afternoon but there is a difference today - there's no penalty shoot-out option AND he hopes to be involved in the thick of the action.

Facing Stirling Albion in the Scottish Cup may not smack of the glamour of the UEFA Cup final but the new Celtic defender can't wait to make his debut in the green and white Hoops.

Formerly of VfB Stuttgart and Sevilla, the 25-year-old German internationalist put pen to paper on a three-and-a-half year deal last week and joined up with his new Hoops team-mates on Monday morning.

As he sat next to manager Gordon Strachan at his unveiling, Hinkel - who will wear the No.2 Celtic shirt - looked right at home in his new surroundings and is looking forward to a successful career in Glasgow.

He said: "I had the opportunity to visit the club last week and see everything, and it is all at the right level for me. The

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professionalism, the organisation...it all helped me to come to the decision to join Celtic.

"Having already played against Celtic in European competition, I am well aware of the magnificent stadium and wonderful passionate support the club enjoys.

"Celtic are a great club with a great history, having achieved such success at home and in Europe. It is a great honour to join the club and I hope to play an important part in the club's future over the next few years.

"This is the perfect club for me and I'm sure being at Celtic will help me become a better player. Overall, it was the best decision for me."

Having played against Celtic in the 2002/03 UEFA Cup, Hinkel knows all about the club's proud European tradition and admits the prospect of regularly competing in the UEFA Champions League was a major lure.

The German is no stranger to European success himself, having been part of the Sevilla squad who won the UEFA Cup at Hampden last season.

He made several appearances for the Spanish side during that

successful run and, although he is cup-tied for Celtic's last 16 meetings with Barcelona this season, he hopes to play his part in more European success for the Hoops.

"Of course, the chance to play in Europe was a big part of why I joined Celtic," he said. "Five years ago, I was lucky enough to play against Celtic in Europe and everyone knows that the club is regularly competing at a high level.

"Everyone in the world knows about Celtic. The green and white strip is known everywhere and this is a very famous club. Celtic were the first British club to win the European Cup and I know the history and tradition is very important.

"For last two seasons, Celtic have reached the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League and this was important for me. I want to play at this level and I want to be part of the German national team once again."

Between April 2003 and September 2005, the full-back won a total of 17 caps for Germany and is determined to regain his place in the national side in time for the European Championships this summer.

Having competed with Daniel Alves - widely regarded as the best full-back in the world - for a starting place at Sevilla for the last 18 months, Hinkel has understandably found it hard to break into the German side in recent times.

However, the versatile defender - who can play on both flanks - is confident that playing regularly with Celtic could be enough to propel him back into the international limelight.

He added: "I think if I show good form at Celtic and play well, then there is a good chance I can get back into the German side. The next few months are vital because I want to make the Euro 2008 squad. It is one of my dreams to play at this tournament.

"Celtic are also capable of winning the Scottish title and that would give me tremendous joy. I need to play regularly and I believe that's possible in Scotland. I'll fight for my place from this moment on."

Hinkel will follow in the footsteps of compatriot Andreas Thom by pulling on the Hoops, but revealed he hadn't quizzed his fellow German about the move.

However, the defender did do some research before making the decision to join Celtic and revealed that everything he heard was positive.

"I know a few German players have played in this country, but I didn't speak to any them," he said. "Instead, I spoke to other people about moving to Scotland and they said it would be a good move.

"They spoke about Scottish people being open-minded and very friendly, and told me that I could have some of the best years of my career here."

HERE FOR KEEPS

HE'S STOPPING HERE AND AS FAR AS ARTUR BORUC IS CONCERNED IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL BETWEEN THE STICKS FOR CELTIC IN THE CHASE FOR MORE SILVERWARE

NEW Bhoys Andreas Hinkel is featured elsewhere in this afternoon's matchday programme as the first signing of the January 2008 transfer window - but is that strictly true?

After all the speculation concerning the future of Celtic No.1 Artur Boruc you would be forgiven for thinking that he was well on his way and with that in mind, it could well be argued that the big Polish keeper was, indeed, the first signing of the year.

It certainly was the news that delighted every Celtic supporter, all of whom greeted it like a new signing ... Artur Boruc had committed his future to the club, signing a new three-and-a-half year contract that will see him remain at the club until at least the summer of 2011.

Sitting back at Celtic's Training Centre in Lennoxtown, the 27-year-old goalkeeper is typically relaxed, almost nonchalant, as he revealed that the talks between the club and his representatives had been going smoothly for some time now.

"It's been two or three months that we've been talking about it now and it was just a case of agreeing a few things and signing," said Boruc with a broad smile.

"The talks were finally sorted out last week. I signed the contract and I am just looking forward to the rest of the season and the future at Celtic."

For the Polish internationalist, it is yet another positive development after a difficult December in where he took time out to recover from an operation on his injured right knee.

The weeks on the sidelines proved to be particularly difficult for a player who has hardly missed a match since arriving at Celtic Park in the summer of 2005, but by Christmas Eve, with his family having arrived in Glasgow for a traditional Polish dinner and the rehabilitation programme making a noticeable difference in his fitness, things were looking up.

And as Boruc spoke, Celtic were also unveiling new signing, Andreas Hinkel, at an official press conference.

"The timing is perfect," smiled Boruc, "and personally I can feel myself getting fitter and stronger every day now. I am back in and training again and as a team, we are looking forward to the next game now."

"But it's been a good week for the club in general and there have been a few new players around as well, with Andreas having joined us on Monday. There is a lot to look forward to at Celtic."

"I am really happy to have sorted this out and I can stay focused on the football now. It's just a matter of working hard and continuing to try and be the best goalie I can be."

"I am just really happy and what can I say, it's just great for me because now I can prepare myself and concentrate on the next games without worrying about anything."

The considerable challenges that lie ahead will certainly provide Boruc with sufficient motivation and the keeper is particularly looking forward to Celtic's UEFA Champions League double-header with Barcelona as well as a fairly intense run of league matches.

"The Champions League campaign is unbelievable and it's incredible for me to be involved in that again with this club," said Boruc.

"We have tried to improve with every year and will do the same next season, but to get to this level again is a great achievement."

"But I want us to be the champions in Scotland again, that has to be main aim for us this season."

"I am really happy with the way things have gone at Celtic and I could never have imagined that it would turn out this way," he added. "And apart from the football, the supporters make this club very special."

"I always think positively in my life and I am the kind of guy who always tries to be happy and look on the bright side."

"I never think about bad things, but like I said, I could never have imagined that it would have gone so well for me at Celtic. I really see a bright future at this club."



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Last year's winner was Margaret Bowles from Rutherglen, who was delighted with her prize.

And she came along to Celtic Park to collect her prize with daughter, Claire and grandson Joseph.

"I've been doing this competition for the past four or five years now and saving the coupons religiously so I can't tell you what it's like to win," Margaret said.

"There are five season books in the family already but I'm the one who buys the *View* so I'm definitely claiming the tickets!

"Claire will be joining me at the games but it means we'll have to get a babysitter for wee Joseph.

"He's a bit young at the moment but I'm sure it won't be long before he's shouting to come along to see Celtic."

So make sure you get your copy of next week's *Celtic View* and start collecting those vouchers. On sale from Wednesday, January 16.





Friends Reunited

CELTIC CHIEF SCOUT ENJOYED HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE OF COACHING WITH STIRLING ALBION, AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCES THIS AFTERNOON

WHEN Stirling Albion run on at Celtic Park this afternoon, Celtic's Chief Scout Tom O'Neill will take a trip down memory lane to a period in his career that provided some of his most enduring memories and rewarding experiences ... and also brought him face to face with a Celtic legend.

Back in 1989/90, Stirling's old Annfield ground was the place where O'Neill started out in life as a coach, working as assistant to his former team-mate John Brogan and first-team coach Jim Sinclair.

As may have been expected, the new management team took time to settle in, but in their second campaign they embarked on an incredible run which saw them promoted to the First Division as champions, remaining undefeated at home.

"NOW I'D NEVER PLAYED LEFT BACK IN MY LIFE, BUT I PLAYED IT FOR THE NEXT 10 GAMES, OUR FORTUNES TURNED AND AFTER A FEW GAMES I WAS STARTING TO THINK THAT I'D BE THE NEW ROBERTO CARLOS!"

"What was funny was that when we first started out, John was still a player," began O'Neill. "So as the assistant you had the added responsibility of making substitutions and doing the team talk, because during the 90 minutes John was playing and he would talk after the game.

"So in a way, you were taking on a lot of duties that the manager would normally do and I found it a great responsibility and something that I thrived on.

"Rather than finding it daunting in any way, it was a challenge. I did a lot of my coaching, studied for all my badges and I was eager, enthusiastic and just wanted to be on the training ground with the players. Stirling could provide all that and it was an excellent experience for me.

"Several things happen when you are working at a club in one of the lower divisions," continued O'Neill, "the first of which is that it makes you humble and appreciative of every single experience.

"When I was a pro with Motherwell, I would often take the village teams and after you've worked with one street lamp and a couple of balls and loved it, when you go to a place like Stirling, it's Shangri-La.

"But Stirling still made you appreciate things and now that I am at Celtic, I never take anything for granted.

"There you got the coaching experience, you came through the hard way and I would recommend it to anybody.

"In fact, one of the next best times I had in coaching was with Albion Rovers and those clubs have heart and soul. The people who work for them are better than any of us

will ever be. And keep your feet on the ground? Too right they do."

The Stirling job also presented some unusual demands, one of which forced O'Neill to pull on his boots some three years after his 'retirement'.

The very thought of returning for a pre-season is one that would fill most former professionals with fear, but when that passed without a hitch, the former Motherwell man began to grow in confidence.

That was until a short, sharp wake up call in the midst of a Scottish Cup run.

"We were in the First Division and just couldn't buy a win and we spoke about it and decided that one of us had to go ▶

back into the team to try and take the coaching from off the park, on to it and pull it all together.

"The short straw was drawn by me because I was the fittest of the three and not the best!" added O'Neill with a laugh. "If we were going for the best we would have gone for John, the goalscorer.

"Now I'd been a striker or a midfielder all my days, but in one game against Clydebank at Kilbowie, the left back got injured after five minutes and I went in because I was experienced and left-footed.

"Now I'd never played left back in my life, but I played it for the next 10 games, our fortunes turned and after a few games I was starting to think that I'd be the new Roberto Carlos!

"But then came the cup and a draw with Kilmarnock and a certain Mr Tommy Burns.

"They came through to Annfield and slaughtered us and I don't know who the right-winger was that day, but he ensured that I got substituted at half time and that I never put my boots on for Stirling Albion again!

"So I'd just like to thank Tom now, he had a big part to play in me finally hanging my boots up!

"But in saying that, by then we had turned the corner and we stayed in the First Division."

This challenging, but character-building road is the one presently being travelled by Albion manager Allan Moore, who has already earned considerable praise for his work in gaining promotion to the First Division and for Stirling's performances this season so far.

"I was really impressed with Stirling at the weekend," said Tom O'Neill. "It's testament to their ability as coaches, that they can drum home the message and that the players can take that on to the park in games.

"Another important factor is that the people at the top of that football club are still the same people who were there when I was there, people like Peter McKenzie and John Smith, who I was very friendly with at the time and still am.

"And when Gordon Strachan went to watch them recently, I put in a call to Mr Smith and Gordon and his wife were welcomed there in a manner that was a credit to their club."

Given O'Neill's experience it is understandable that every respect has been paid to Stirling this afternoon, with the club following the exact same meticulous planning and assessment of their opponents that takes place for every match - be that in domestic cup competitions or in the UEFA Champions League.

Nothing has been left to chance and O'Neill explained: "Some people may find that strange, but that's an attitude that I can't understand.

"Going back to my days as a coach and assistant manager, I always took the greatest pleasure from beating the team at the bottom of the league.



"That's because the fans would turn up expecting it, the players will be expecting to win and the adrenaline that comes from within is not always there. So you spend all week drumming things into them.

"That's the hardest shift from a coaching point of view, getting it across to everyone involved that these are big, hard games.

"That's why this weekend Stirling get the exact same preparation, in terms of analysing and reporting on them, as any team, even in the Champions League.

"Football can throw up shock results, silly results and that's why it's a fantastic game, but they do not come about because Celtic do not prepare properly.

"We put everything into our preparation, we pay the opponents every respect and we always will do. That's the only way to operate."



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>> CELTIC NEWS

FESTIVE WINDFALL WINNERS

CELTIC-daft Liam Kieran made the long trip up in atrocious weather from the Borders to take in the Hibernian game just before Christmas and, despite the 1-1 draw, the trip back down south was a bit more bearable that maybe it would have been.

Liam, from Annan in Dumfrireshire received an early Christmas present at the December 22 game when Santa no less, drew his Paradise Windfall ticket number out of the tombola at half-time.

The winning number was Q2986 meaning that Liam went home with a cheque for **EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS**.

The runners' up numbers were, V2394, Q3318, E3580, G3240

WHAT better way to look forward to a new year that with a cheque for **EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS?**

Well, that was exactly how Gerard Smyth from Clarkston brought in the New Year after scooping the Paradise Windfall jackpot at the Gretna game on December 29.

The draw was made by Rachel Kyle (age 6) from Airdrie, who drew out the winning number E1452.

The other numbers drawn were: C3730; X1274; J2058; F2310.



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MASCOTS CHEER ON THE BHOYS

JOSEPH Thomson from Glasgow and **Martin** McClorey from Stranraer both had a day to remember at Celtic Park recently.

The two Bhoys, both six-years-old, were club mascots for the game against Hibernian played just before Christmas.

They led the teams out of the tunnel for the pre-match preliminaries and helped captain Stephen McManus at the toss of the coin before the match.

THERE was another double at the Gretna game on December 29 as Andrew Reid and Adam Williamson led out the Bhoys alongside Stephen McManus.

And Andrew (age 12) from Dunblane and Adam (age 11) from Tollcross enjoyed the day as the Bhoys won 3-0 thanks to goals from Scott McDonald, Scott Brown and Man of the Match Aiden McGeady.



>> YOUTH ACADEMY

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CELTIC'S Under-14s squad have now enjoyed their festive break with their families, and when John Gallagher and myself look back at the season so far it has been a pleasure to be involved with such a good bunch of boys.

They have showed in abundance a great attitude, willingness to learn and very good ability in both training and the games programme.

On their return to the Academy after the break, they arrived knowing they have a great trip to look forward to in the early spring as once again the club has been invited to the fantastic facilities at the Espire Sports Complex in Qatar.

While we will look forward to seeing our many friends we have made in our previous trips, it also gives the boys a chance to train and play in conditions very different to back home and also against teams with different systems, which is all part of their development.

With the great success of the first team making the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League, everyone in the Academy is delighted and proud of the boys who have graduated from the Academy to the first team.

Big Mick, our captain, is an inspiration to us all in the way he goes about his business on and off the park, John Kennedy's great desire to get back playing the way he did against Barca a few year ago and Aiden McGeady, who just gets better and better each week are also real spurs for the boys.

Each of them is a true inspiration to all our kids who dream one day of pulling on the Hoops in front of 60,000 supporters at Celtic Park.

On behalf of the boys, John and myself, we would like to wish everyone connected with Celtic a very Happy Belated New Year and we sincerely hope that we all enjoy the rest of the season..





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PHIL O'DONNELL
1972-2007

MEMORIES OF A GOOD MAN

PHIL O'DONNELL IS REMEMBERED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM BEST

CELTIC return to action for the first time since beating Gretna 3-0 at home on Saturday, December 29.

The tragic events at Fir Park that same day, however, pushed football into the background as everyone connected with the game - players, managers and supporters - mourned the loss of Phil O'Donnell.

His untimely death at the age of just 35 has robbed a wife of her husband and left four young children without their loving and devoted father.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with them and all of Phil O'Donnell's family and friends at this sad time.

Phil O'Donnell began his playing career at Motherwell, helping them win the Scottish Cup in 1991 and, just three years later, he signed for his boyhood heroes, Celtic.

In total, he played 114 times for Celtic, scoring 20 goals, which included a double against Partick Thistle on his debut on September 10, 1994.

His finest achievement for his beloved Hoops undoubtedly came in season 1997/98 when he was part of the squad that stopped the 10 and, as much as a supporter as a player, O'Donnell celebrated the title triumph after the 2-0 victory over St Johnstone on the final day of the season at Celtic Park.

After an injury-hit spell at Sheffield Wednesday, he returned to Motherwell in 2004 and, this season in particular, had proved to be an inspirational captain for Mark McGhee's young side.

Some of those who knew him as a friend, a team-mate, a Celtic hero, have paid tribute to a fine player, a true gentleman and a genuine family man.

"THE saddest thing for everyone was that he was such a special guy, a truly lovely boy, he really was, and he had achieved great things as a person, which is far more important than what you can achieve as a footballer.

"Everyone, whether they are connected with Celtic with, with Motherwell, with football, even beyond the game, this has affected them.

"It is just such a tragic thing to happen, in any walk of life, to

any person, but because he was such a popular person, he has received such media coverage.

"Unfortunately it's his family who will have the deepest grief, who have to wake up every morning and know that he's not there and that he's not going to be coming home at night, that's the saddest thing about the whole thing.

"You have great sympathy for his wife, who is left as a young lady to bring up their four kids, but I know that with the fantastic family she is surrounded by, they will do everything they can to possibly help her.

"You also have great sympathy for Phil's Mum and Dad who have lost their youngest child. Our thoughts are for all of them."

TOMMY BURNS

"YOU can ask any Celtic supporter who was in that team just how much it meant to them to stop the 10, and the supporters that season and they will tell you.

"Phil was obviously among that group of players, along with the likes of myself and Tosh McKinlay, and he certainly knew the pressure we were under, both from ourselves and from the fans and Phil more than played his part.

"On the park, he went into games and produced and helped us during what was a long and difficult run and it is players like that that you need in those situations.

"But that year it was also important for us to relay to some of the foreign lads and those who maybe didn't appreciate or understand the importance of stopping 10-in-a-row, just how vital it was.

"It was something that had to be done, both for the club's history and most importantly, for the supporters.





"Some of the performances that he put in during those early seasons at Celtic were exceptional, but it was also the way he conducted himself on the park.

"Off the park we have heard so much about the way he behaved and he was a gentleman, but on the park he was a great player to have in the team and he was a great team player with a great work ethic. That was certainly appreciated by every member of that Celtic squad."

TOM BOYD

"PHIL and I both went to Holy Cross High School in Hamilton. I didn't know him as well as the guys who played with him but I'm close to his family.

"He was a lot older than me, but my three best mates are Phil's nephews. There are other family connections now and I first met him when I was 12 or 13.

"I then got to know him quite well because I was about his older sister's house and his mum and dad's house a lot. On my first day at Celtic, he came up to me and said he was giving me a lift home and I'll always remember that.

"In those days I was a left-sided, attacking midfielder, just like Phil, and an old school teacher we both had at Holy Cross did make similarities between us.

"He was someone to look up to and I think at that point it was just incredible that my mates had an uncle who was a professional footballer.

"Not just that, but he played for Celtic. When I was a young guy, I was in awe of all professional footballers and I can remember thinking, 'There's Phil O'Donnell the Celtic player'.

"When I came in to Celtic, it was great for me that a first-team player knew who I was. I had met him previously and he was always asking how my football was going. For a Celtic player to be doing that, it was massive.

"Phil will always be remembered. At times like this, football doesn't matter. It's heartbreaking and the thoughts of everyone at Celtic are with his wife Eileen, the four kids

and everyone connected with family. Phil will never be forgotten."

STEPHEN McMANUS

"I'll never forget meeting Phil at the stadium all those years ago and it's strange that we ended up team-mates and friends," he said.

"I managed to get my picture taken with a few players on that visit and I always remember Phil stopping to have a chat. I treasured that photograph and it was such a big honour to be able to play with him at Motherwell.

"We signed at the same time and it was amazing to be playing with someone who had been at Celtic. Phil had been there and done so much in the game - he won the Scottish Cup and League with Celtic and I was fascinated by that.

"I think I used to annoy him with all the questions I asked about playing for Celtic, but in fairness to Phil he always answered them and told me about his experiences and what it meant to win trophies for the club.

"I honestly can't praise him enough. I've read a lot of the tributes for Phil over the last few days and every word has been true - he was a true gentleman and a real family man. He loved football, but his family came first.

"Just after I signed for Celtic, I bumped into Phil and his wife Eileen at a concert and I'll never forget the look on his face. He was just smiling constantly and was so excited that I had joined Celtic.

"There was a sense of pride in him and I will always remember his kind words in that moment. But that was just Phil, seeing other people happy made him happy."

SCOTT McDONALD

"PHIL was a top player, who was immensely talented. He used to make great runs into the box to get on the end of things and that's a rare commodity in the game, particularly nowadays.

"He was terrific to play with and gave the midfield a completely different dimension. He was great at Motherwell, but even when I came back to Celtic he was a very talented player and he played a major part in stopping 10-in-a-row."

"Sometimes people forget that," added Lambert, "but Phil was a major part of the successes that season and he played on the last day of the season against St Johnstone.

"No matter what anyone says, I don't think I'll ever see any team get to that record, certainly not in my life time and Phil played a major part in stopping it.

"He will have his place in the club's history and people should remember that he was a big player, who really handled the pressure of playing at Celtic, both on and off the pitch. It takes a special player and a special kind of character to do that.

"He was just a really nice guy, a great guy, who was always nice with anyone that he met and in my time at Celtic, whenever we won things or had had big results, Phil was always one of the first people on the phone to congratulate me."

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>> SCOTTISH CUP FOURTH ROUND GAMES

TODAY Celtic begin their defence of the Scottish Cup, world football's oldest trophy, by welcoming Stirling Albion to Celtic Park.

The Bhoys lifted the trophy last season for a record 34th time when Jean-Joel Perrier-Doumbe scored the only goal of the game against Dunfermline.

Today's ties

Hamilton Accies v Brechin City
St. Mirren v Dumbarton
Partick Thistle v Dunfermline
Falkirk v Aberdeen
Hibernian v Inverness CT
Huntly v Dundee
Hearts v Motherwell
Queen of the South v Linlithgow Rose
Morton v Gretna
Airdrie v Kilmarnock

St. Johnstone v Raith Rovers
Cove Rangers v Ross County
Clyde v Dundee United (Kick-off 12.45pm)
Livingston v Cowdenbeath
Celtic v Stirling Albion

Tomorrow's tie

Rangers v East Stirling

FORTHCOMING ROUNDS

Fifth Round

Saturday, February 2

Sixth Round

Saturday, March 8

Semi-finals

Saturday April 12 and Sunday April 13

FINAL

Saturday, May 24



>> NEXT ONE UP

Saturday, January 19, 2008
Celtic Park
(kick-off 3pm)

Kilmarnock

CELTIC welcome Kilmarnock next Saturday as the second half of the season begins in earnest with a repeat of the opening day fixture when the Bhoys drew 0-0 with the Ayrshire side here in Glasgow.

Nobody here will want a repeat of that score this time next weekend but a similar outcome to the last time the teams met would be nearer the mark.

It was back at the start of November when the Celts travelled down to Rugby Park and returned with all three points following a 2-1 win.

Celtic's top striker Scott McDonald added two to his strike tally in the 34th and 36th minutes that day while Kilmarnock answered with single goal from Frazer Wright 10 minutes after the turnaround.

The Rugby Park side haven't fared too well since that

match with only one win recorded, a 2-1 home victory over Hibernian (a tie they lost 4-1 at Easter Road), while they have suffered no fewer than six defeats and three drawn games.

The heaviest of those defeats was a 3-1 loss up at Inverness Caley Thistle but things turned up slightly in their most recent SPL fixture - a 1-1 draw against 10-man Hearts at Tynecastle.

Killie are currently in the bottom four who are watching a seemingly ever-widening gap between them and the mid-table teams who are jostling for top-six places before the break in April.

Whether Kilmarnock, who finished in fifth place last season, can get their act together before the final run-in remains to be seen but we certainly hope any revival doesn't kick-off next week.



KEY

- 1 Number of Goals scored
- 2 Booked
- 3 Sent Off
- Home games in bold
- 1st 2nd 3rd Sub
- CBPL - Clydesdale Bank Premier League
- CL - Champions League
- SC - Scottish Cup
- CIS - CIS Insurance Cup

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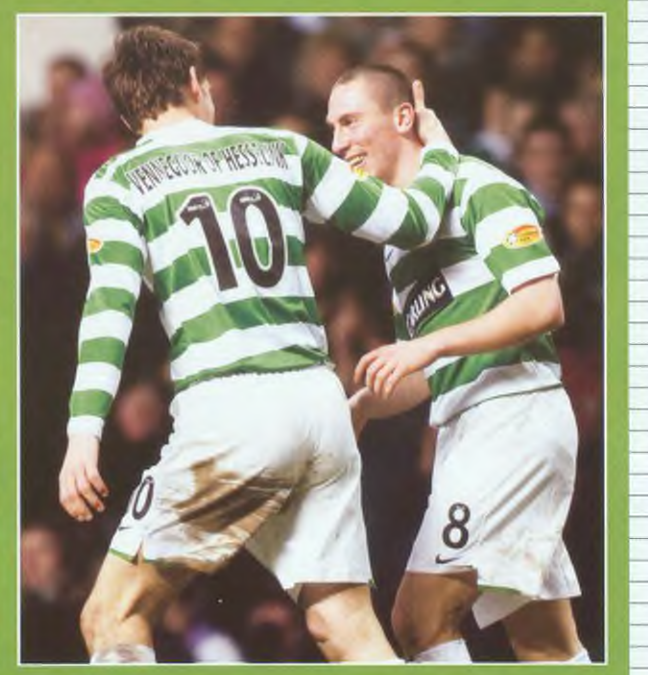
CLYDESDALE BANK PREMIER LEAGUE 2007/08								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Rangers	19	14	2	3	45	16	44	+29
Celtic	20	13	4	3	51	17	43	+34
Motherwell	20	11	2	7	30	25	35	+5
Aberdeen	22	9	6	7	28	29	33	-1
Dundee Utd	22	10	2	10	32	30	32	+2
Falkirk	22	9	5	8	34	35	32	-1
Inverness CT	22	10	1	11	31	35	31	-4
Hibernian	21	7	7	7	29	28	28	+1
Kilmarnock	22	5	7	10	23	32	22	-9
St Mirren	20	6	4	10	13	31	22	-18
Hearts	22	5	6	11	32	40	21	-8
Gretna	20	2	4	14	16	46	10	-30

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALS 2007/08					
	SPL LEAGUE	SCOTTISH CUP	LEAGUE CUP	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	
B BALDE	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
T BJARNASON	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
A BORUC	12 (0)	0	2 (0)	7	0 (0)
P CADDIS	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
G CALDWELL	18 (0)	1	2 (0)	7	1 (1)
R CONROY	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
S CUTHBERT	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
M DONATI	14 (3)	3	2 (0)	6	2 (1)
P HARTLEY	13 (2)	0	1 (0)	7	0 (1)
J JAROSIK	6 (2)	1	0 (0)	5	0 (1)
J KENNEDY	5 (2)	0	2 (0)	4	1 (1)
C KILLEN	2 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	1 (4)
M BROWN	8 (0)	0	0 (0)	1	0 (0)
S McDONALD	18 (0)	14	2 (0)	7	1 (2)
A McGEADY	18 (1)	6	1 (0)	6	2 (1)
M McGOVERN	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
P McGOWAN	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
S McMANUS	20 (0)	2	0 (0)	8	0 (1)
K MILLER	1 (1)	3	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
S NAKAMURA	7 (1)	3	0 (0)	3	1 (1)
L NAYLOR	16 (0)	0	2 (0)	7	0 (0)
J O'BRIEN	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)
D O'DEA	3 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (1)
J P DOUMBE	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	1	0 (0)
S PRESSLEY	5 (0)	0	0 (0)	1	1 (1)
D RIORDAN	2 (5)	1	1 (0)	0	1 (1)
S BROWN	20 (0)	3	2 (0)	8	0 (0)
E SNO	2 (6)	0	1 (1)	0	0 (4)
J V O HESSELINK	17 (0)	9	2 (0)	1	5 (1)
M WILSON	6 (0)	0	0 (0)	3	0 (0)
M ZURAWSKI	1 (4)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (3)

COMP	DATE	OPPOSITION	RES.	ATT.	STARTING 11
CBPL	04 AUG	KILMARNOCK	0-0	60,000	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY
SPL	11 AUG	FALKIRK	4-1	6,329	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY
UCL Q3	15 AUG	SPARTAK MOSCOW	1-1	67,000	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY
SPL	18 AUG	ABERDEEN	3-1	16,232	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
CBPL	25 AUG	HEARTS	5-0	57,300	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
UCL Q3	29 AUG	SPARTAK MOSCOW	1-1	57,854	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
CBPL	01 SEPT	ST MIRREN	5-1	7,840	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
CBPL	15 SEPT	INVERNESS CT	5-0	56,020	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
UCL	18 SEPT	SHAKHTAR DONEISK	0-2	30,000	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL
CBPL	23 SEPT	HERIBIANIAN	2-3	16,125	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL
CIS	26 SEPT	DUNDEE	2-1	8,203	BORUC CALDWELL NAYLOR
CBPL	29 SEPT	DUNDEE UNITED	3-0	57,006	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL
UCL	03 OCT	AC MILAN	2-1	58,643	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL
CBPL	07 OCT	GREINA	2-1	6,011	BORUC HARTLEY CALDWELL
CBPL	20 OCT	RANGERS	0-3	50,428	BORUC O'DEA CALDWELL
UCL	24 OCT	BENFICA	0-1	35,000	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY
CBPL	27 OCT	MOTHERWELL	3-0	57,633	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY
CIS	31 OCT R4	HEARTS	0-2	21,492	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY
CBPL	03 NOV	KILMARNOCK	2-1	8,260	BORUC CALDWELL NAYLOR
UCL	06 NOV	BENFICA	1-0	52,000	BORUC NAYLOR CALDWELL
CBPL	24 NOV	ABERDEEN	3-0	58,000	M BROWN CALDWELL KENNEDY
UCL	28 NOV	SHAKHTAR DONEISK	2-1	59,146	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY
CBPL	01 DEC	HEARTS	1-1	16,454	BORUC CALDWELL PRESSLEY
UCL	04 DEC	AC MILAN	0-1	38,409	BORUC CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	08 DEC	ST MIRREN	1-1	55,747	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	11 DEC	FALKIRK	4-0	54,291	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	16 DEC	INVERNESS CT	2-3	7,004	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	22 DEC	HERIBIANIAN	1-1	58,016	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY
CBPL	26 DEC	DUNDEE UNITED	2-0	12,357	M BROWN CALDWELL BALDE
CBPL	29 DEC	GREINA	3-0	57,171	BORUC CALDWELL BALDE

SUBS																	
McMANUS	NAYLOR	HARTLEY	DONATI	S BROWN	McGEADY	HESSELINK	ZURAWSKI	McGOVERN	O'DEA	CALDWELL	SNO	NAKAMURA	KILLEN	MILLER			
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JOCK STEIN TAKES THE LAW INTO HIS OWN HANDS DURING HALF-TIME AT STIRLING ALBION

A BOOK, published in October, *The Best of Celtic View* features 100 of the most significant Celtic View front covers and, as the cover states, these are 'The 100 issues that made you laugh, cry and cheer.'

So, considering that Celtic and Stirling Albion have faced each other on only 19 occasions since the *View* was founded in 1965, it could be considered somewhat of a quirk that a game at the Binos' old Annfield ground should pass the muster and make it on to the top 100 list.

This was on the occasion though that Jock Stein decided, quite literally, to take matters into his own hands and took a section of the crowd to task at half-time.

Here is how *The Best of Celtic View* looks back at the game.

August 16, 1972

FOLLOWING crowd trouble in the Drybrough Cup final, where Celtic lost 5-3 to Hibernian after extra-time, the View of August 9, 1972 carried a front page leader entitled "War on the Wreckers".

No punches were pulled as the club set its manifesto in dealing with the hooligan element of the early 1970s and started off by saying: "The wreckers have done it again. A great football spectacle was almost ruined because a bunch of cowardly thugs decided violence was the way to show displeasure at the way the game was going.

"And this is with the season proper not even started. Once again we are treated to the whole sickening spectacle - the frightened youngsters, the injured, the struggling figures being led away by the police."

The *View* carried on: "The club have said it time and time again but we will go on saying it until the hoodlums get the message.

- We don't want you
- We don't want your so-called support
- We don't want your money

However, the following Saturday when Celtic travelled to Annfield for their League Cup sectional game with Stirling Albion, Jock Stein decided that the message hadn't got across.

While supporters at the uncovered end of the small ground dodged the attentions of a swarm of wasps, those under the shed at the other side soon felt the wrath of Jock Stein when the chants became too much for him.

He vaulted over the perimeter fence at half-time and returned a bit of verbal to a small section whose chants were considered offensive.

The manager said in the *View*: "The bad element - or the wreckers as the *View* called them last week - are singing and chanting about things which have nothing to do with football. "Surely there are enough Celtic songs without introducing

religion or politics or anything else."

He added: "But I have been heartened by the way most supporters at recent games have tried to drown out the chants and the way they have assisted the police.

"Now we want to get rid of this hard core of troublemakers. Then we'll all be able to play and watch the game - in the right atmosphere and in peace."

Celtic won the game 3-0.

*** For the record, the goals were scored by Lou Macari who hit twice in the 19th and 47th minutes sandwiching a Kenny Dalglish counter in the 33rd minute in front of a crowd of 18,000.**

That wasn't the only mention of the Binos in *The Best of Celtic View* though as the selection of May 31, 1967 said:

"The *View* also proudly proclaimed Celtic's record in all competitive matches - League 34, League Cup 10, European Cup 9, Scottish Cup 6 and Glasgow Cup 3.

The Record was:

P	W	D	L	F	A
62	51	8	3	196	48

One of those drawn games was a drab affair on a dreich day at lowly Stirling Albion and in a season when Celtic blazed a trail throughout Europe and won every single competition they entered, and in the wake of celebrating lifting world football's top club trophy at the first time of asking, the *View* marked the occasion by devoting the main story on page three to that dismal February draw at Annfield in Stirling!

The Best of Celtic View, published by Headline is available now at all official Celtic Retail Stores and all good bookshops.



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WHY I DID IT

Jock Stein explains that foray into the crowd at the Stirling game



'The wreckers are chanting about things that have nothing to do with football'

JOCK STEIN

I DON'T LIKE criticising Celtic fans. But I have to take odds with at least a section of them. What I did on Saturday was something I've felt like doing for quite a while.

It's my sincere wish that it will have a lasting effect, as I'm sure that the vast majority of our fans do. Celtic supporters have enjoyed a lot of good times during the past few years, and all of it was due to hard work—by the players, the backroom boys and the directors.

The fans, too, have played a major role and we don't want to see it all ruined now by the bad element who have recently emerged. Nor do we want to see the fans of long standing who followed us through the lean years discouraged from watching us play.

This bad element—or the wreckers as the View called them last week—are singing and chanting about things which have nothing to do with football.

Surely there are enough Celtic songs without introducing religion or politics or anything else.

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This is an indication of our high standing in world football.

The club don't want to lose all this. Neither, I'm sure, do any of our real supporters.

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FLASHBACK . . . Manager Jock Stein climbs out of the crowd after delivering his ball-time tongue lashing to the chanting section of fans at Anfield.

we've both had great seasons!



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>> HALF-TIME QUIZ

- 1 Which two players from outwith the continent of Europe have scored for Celtic in Scottish Cup finals?
- 2 How many Scottish Cup winner's medals did Celtic manager Gordon Strachan win as a player?
- 3 Against which club did Stirling Albion establish a post war scoring record with their 20-0 Scottish Cup victory in 1984?
- 4 Who was the last man to win the Scottish Cup with Celtic as a player and a manager?
- 5 In which season did Celtic last face Stirling Albion in a Scottish Cup tie?
- 6 Which two Celtic players hold the club record for netting 11 goals in a single Scottish Cup campaign?
- 7 Which team last season eliminated Stirling Albion from the Scottish Cup in the Third Round?
- 8 Which was the last season in which Celtic were eliminated from Scottish Cup without scoring a goal?
- 9 Which gifted Celtic striker announced his arrival in Scottish football in August 1980 by scoring his first goals in Scottish football for the club against Stirling Albion?
- 10 Who provided the opposition on the last occasion that a Celtic Scottish Cup tie took three matches to be resolved?
- 11 Against which club did Stirling Albion assistant manager Mark McNally win a Scottish Cup winner's medal with Celtic in 1995?
- 12 Who was the last Celtic player to have the distinction of winning four Scottish Cup winner's medals?
- 13 Which player and future Scotland internationalist did Celtic sign from Stirling Albion in November 1983 for £60,000?
- 14 Who remains the last player to win a Scottish Cup winner's medal with Celtic and then one in England?
- 15 Who since 1990 is the only Scot to net for Celtic in a Scottish Cup final?



ANSWERS 1 Bobo Balde v Rangers 2002, Jean-Joel Ferrer-Doumbé v Dunfermline 2007, 2 Three 1982, 1983 & 1984, 3 Selkirk FC, 4 Tommy Burns 1989 & 1995, 5 1980/81 Celtic 3 Stirling Albion 0, 6 Joe Cassidy 1922/23 & Jimmy McGroarty 1924/25, 7 Inverness Caledonian Thistle, 8 1993/94 Motherwell 0 Celtic 1, 9 Charlie Nicholas, 10 Aberdeen 1986/87, 11 Aberdeen 2 Celtic 2, Celtic 0 Aberdeen 0, Aberdeen 0 Celtic 1 (Dens Park), 11Airdrie, 12 Neil Lennon 2001, 2004, 2005 & 2007, 13 John Colquhoun, 14 Brian McClair 1985 & 1990, 15 Jackie McNamara v Hibernian 2001.



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