

# Celtic

v DUNDEE UTD

Scottish Premier League  
Wednesday 29th January 2003 k.o. 7.45pm



Goalkeeper Jackie McNamara



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“Our home form has been consistent and it goes without saying that this is something we wish to see continued tonight”

**WE had a good win in the Scottish Cup against St Mirren on Saturday and we now have a fourth round tie to look forward to next month.**

To be involved in four competitions at this stage of the season presents us with excellent opportunities and you can be assured that we will endeavour to do our utmost in each of the competitions we are in.

St Mirren played with a lot of determination and spirit on Saturday afternoon, particularly in the first half, and although we eventually ran out comfortable winners we had to work hard to get the result we wanted.

Henrik Larsson's double in the second period took him to 32 goals this season, a fabulous tally by anyone's standards. His two goals were excellent strikes, particularly his curling shot from the edge of the box that put us 2-0 up, before Momo Sylla completed the scoring.

There is always the fear that the mid-season break can leave players a bit rusty but I would have to say the chance to get

away from the pressures of the league campaign can have substantial rewards and we are optimistic we will see that as the weeks unfold.

We return to league duty this evening with a game against Dundee United here at Celtic Park and it is vital for us to take maximum points.

United have already visited Celtic Park at the beginning of the season and although we enjoyed a 5-0 win on that occasion, we had to work extremely hard to get the result. That commitment and determination will be required once more tonight as we attempt to win the game.

Our home form has been consistent and it goes without saying that this is something we wish to see continued tonight.

A number of first-team players missed the cup game at the weekend, but with a glut of games looming in the weeks that lie ahead, everyone in the squad will be called upon to play their part.

We play United tonight and have a couple of days to recover

before we take on Partick Thistle on Sunday afternoon.

Then, we face Dundee United for the second time in eight days when we play them in the semi-final of the CIS Insurance Cup.

It is a demanding schedule that awaits us over the next few months but between now and the end of the season we will strive to give every competition that we are involved in our very best shot.

There is much to look forward to and it promises to be an exciting time for everyone at the club.

As always, thank you for your support, and may I also take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome to Javier Sanchez Broto, who completed his move from Livingston last week.

With our continued involvement in four competitions, I am sure that everyone's contribution will be vital.



# Celtic FC Factfile

**Formed:** 1888

**Stadium:** Celtic Park  
(capacity 60,506)

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

**Away strip:** Gold shirts, green  
shorts, gold socks

**Third strip:** White shirts, black shorts and 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 (1 season):** 50, Jimmy McGrory,  
1935/36

**Most Premier/SPL goals (1 season):** 35, Brian McClair  
1986/87, Henrik Larsson 2000/01

**Website:** www.celticfc.net

## Honours

### Scottish League (38)

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,  
2000/2001, 2001/2002

### Scottish Cup (31)

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

### League Cup (12)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68 1968/69,  
1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98,  
1999/2000, 2000/2001

### European Cup (1)

1967

### Coronation Cup (1)

1953

## CELTIC FACTS

**1.** On January 28, 1909, John Thomson was born in Buchhaven. Because of the circumstances surrounding his early death, his actual playing career tends to be overlooked but he was a prodigy. He started with Wellesley Juniors at 16 and signed for Celtic at 17 in November 1926. Two months later, John made his debut against Dundee and went on to make 188 appearances.

**2.** Jimmy McColl played his last match for Celtic on January 31, 1920. After the battering-ram style of Jimmy Quinn, his replacement McColl, at 5' 7" and 10 stone 10 lbs, was not so powerful but proved no less effective. Playing a big part in the league wins of 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1919, Jimmy scored 123 goals in his 169 matches. He later had a 20-year career on the Hibs backroom staff.

**3.** What should have been the first big moment in Celtic's history turned out to be a disappointment. In their first major competition, Celtic reached the Scottish Cup final at Hampden on February 2, 1889. Snow made conditions difficult and it was agreed that the match be played as a friendly with the final itself to be played a week later. Unfortunately the 18,000 crowd, which had paid record receipts, were kept in the dark about this decision. Third Lanark won 3-0 in the snow and 2-1 a week later.

## DUNDEE UTD FACTS

**1.** Dundee United FC was founded in 1909 and until recently had an undistinguished history, with Second Division titles in 1925 and 1929 the only major honours. Their biggest star was forward Duncan Hutchison. He was so well respected that when he eventually left to join Newcastle, 300 fans travelled to see his debut for the new club.

**2.** Life for Dundee United became much better in the 1970s and 1980s when the club became one of the most respected in Europe. However, while there were many moments of triumph, often the club just failed at the final hurdle. The Terrors were beaten finalists in six Scottish Cup finals (1974, 1981, 1985, 1987, 1988 and 1991). In 1987, only five days after losing the final to St Mirren, United lost the UEFA Cup final to Gothenburg.

**3.** During his tenure as manager at Tannadice, Jim McLean's coaching brought on many a young player. Maurice Malpas, Dave Narey, Paul Sturrock and Paul Hegarty all became internationalists; Malpas is the club's most capped player with 55 and Narey holds the record for league appearances with 554. A star from an earlier era was Neil Paterson, who later won an Oscar as the author of the screenplay for the film Room at the Top (1960).

# TONIGHT'S SQUADS

TONIGHT'S VISITORS **DUNDEE UTD**



MANAGER **PAUL HEGARTY** STADIUM **TANNADICE** CAPACITY **12,500** PREVIOUS RESULT **DUNDEE UTD 0 v CELTIC 2**

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## CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
8. Partick	24	5	9	10	25	37	24
9. Aberdeen	24	5	9	10	21	38	24
10. Livingston	24	6	5	13	31	36	23
11. Motherwell	23	4	6	13	28	41	18
12. DUNDEE UTD	24	3	8	13	20	46	17

TEAM SPONSOR: TELEWEST

## CELTIC

ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	1
TOM BOYD	2	2
MOMO SYLLA	3	3
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	4
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	5
BOBO BALDE	6	6
HENRIK LARSSON	7	7
ALAN THOMPSON	8	8
CHRIS SUTTON	9	9
JOHN HARTSON	10	10
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	11
PAUL LAMBERT	14	12
BOBBY PETTA	15	14
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	15
DIDIER AGATHE	17	16
NEIL LENNON	18	17
STILIAN PETROV	19	18
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	19
COLIN HEALY	24	20
JAVIER SANCHEZ BROTO	26	21
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	22
SHAUN MALONEY	29	23
STEVE GUPPY	30	
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

## DUNDEE UTD

PAUL GALLACHER
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DAVID McCRACKEN
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## CLUB SPONSORS



## RECENT FORM

SCOTTISH CUP 3rd ROUND 25 JANUARY, 2003  
**CELTIC 3 v ST MIRREN 0** (Larsson 2, Sylla)  
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 2 JANUARY, 2003  
**ABERDEEN 1 v CELTIC 1** (Larsson)  
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 29 DECEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 1 v DUNFERMLINE 0** (Larsson)  
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 26 DECEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 4 v HEARTS 2** (Hartson 3, Larsson)  
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 21 DECEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 2 v DUNDEE 0** (Larsson, Hartson)  
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 15 DECEMBER, 2002  
**KILMARNOCK 1 v CELTIC 1** (Valgaeren)

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

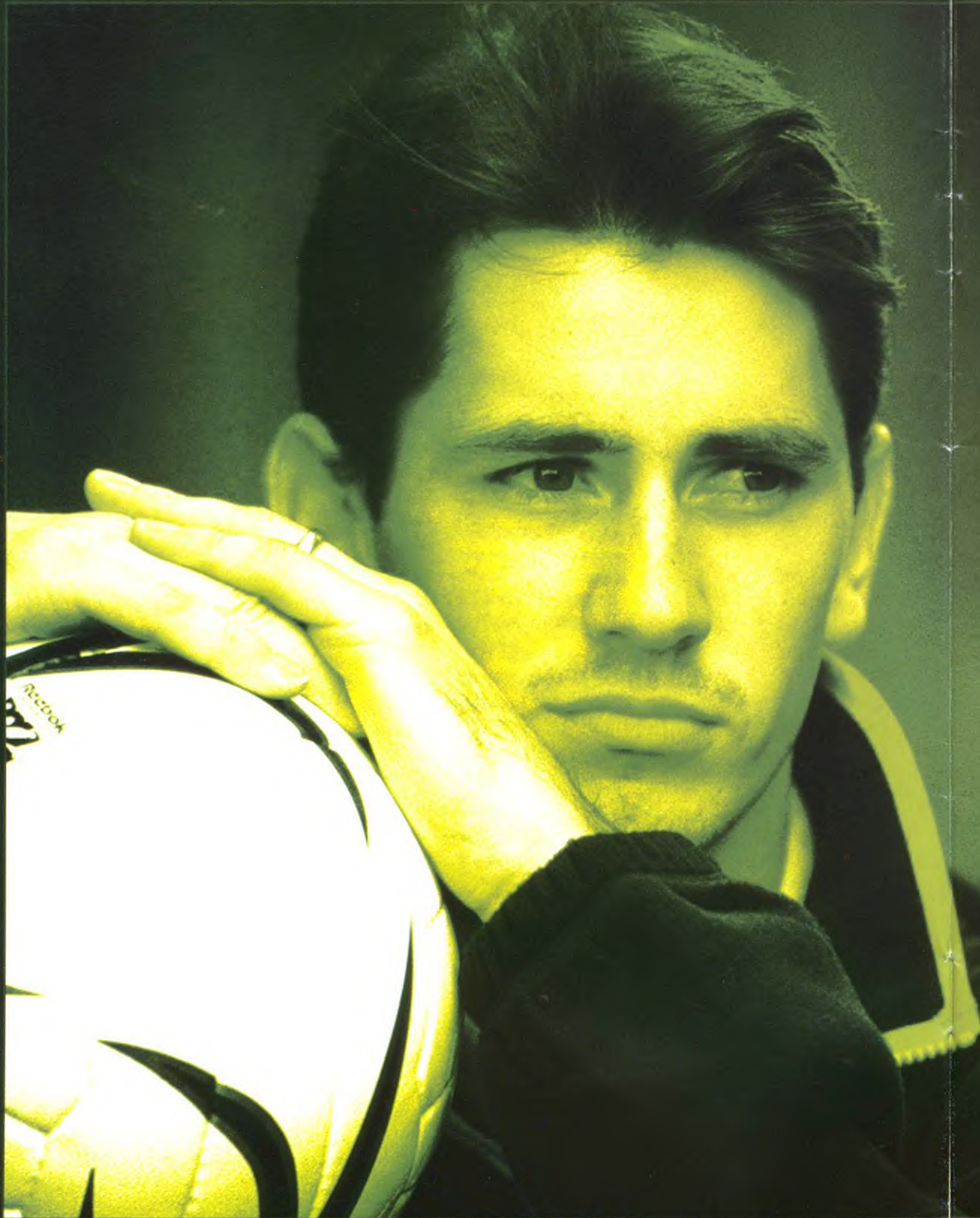
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**PARTICK TH v CELTIC** SUN 2 FEBRUARY 2003  
 CIS CUP SEMI-FINAL  
**DUNDEE UTD v CELTIC** THURS 6 FEBRUARY 2003  
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**CELTIC v LIVINGSTON** SUN 9 FEBRUARY 2003



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WORDS: Stephen Sullivan



# Patient Jackie's got a wait on his mind

IT was Martin O'Neill himself who admitted that signing a new contract was unlikely to be universally celebrated, even going so far as to joke that some of his players would be "very, very displeased".

On reflection, Jackie McNamara could easily number among this unnamed group of Celts.

After all, having rarely been anything other than an automatic selection during the respective reigns of Messrs Burns, Jansen, Venglos and Barnes, the versatile 29-year-old has spent the O'Neill years struggling to emerge from

McNamara was delighted to hear Martin O'Neill had agreed a deal – despite few first-team chances

the first-team shadows. He has, of course, had his moments under the Irishman – perhaps most notably in the Scottish Cup final of 2001 – but has nevertheless failed to hold down a regular starting slot.

Yet, if we suspected Jackie might have been hankering after a new manager, we were to be very much mistaken.

"Not at all: the fact the gaffer has signed is great news for the club," he said. "It wasn't like the players were lying awake at night wondering what was going to happen, but the fact he has signed has settled everyone down again.

"The speculation can be a bit of a nightmare in these situations and it should settle the fans too.

"Stability is there now, and hopefully it continue for some time. Everyone recognises what a great job the gaffer has done here and it can only be good news that he's staying.

"It has been well timed, just before the season starts up again, and hopefully it will give us the boost we need to continue our challenge for the SPL title."

This season, McNamara's quest for a first-team place has seen him occupy a number of different positions and, whether it be in midfield, on the wing or even as a centre-half, he has never been found wanting.

Now, having proved his willingness to fit around his manager's plans, the former Dunfermline star is aiming to

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make one of those positions their own.

“I’ve been happy enough,” he said. “I have played in a couple of different positions already this season but I’ll fill in anywhere the gaffer wants me to. I just want to play and I’m happy as long as I’m doing that.

“Ask any player and they’ll tell you all they want is to be involved in the first team. I’m certainly no different and don’t think it’s any secret that I’d like to play more often than I am at the moment.

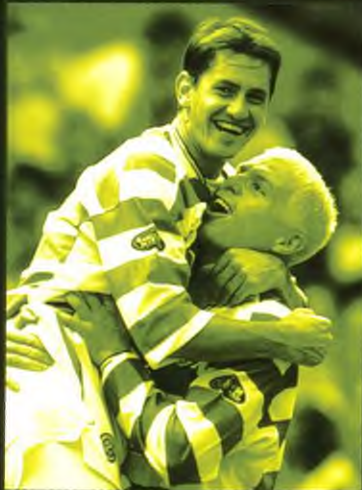
“It’s the same with everybody who’s not in the team every week though and it’s very tough



**JUMPING THROUGH HOOPS**

Jackie McNamara wants to experience more highs in a Celtic jersey, such as his Scottish Cup final goal against Hibs in 2001 and his strike against today’s opponents Dundee United in August last year.

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with so many good quality players vying for places.

“The goal for everyone is to get in the team and stay there and that’s definitely the case with me.

“It’s been a while since I had a sustained run in the team but hopefully with a bit of hard work I can force my way in and play well enough to stay there.”

This return to league action represents a chance for McNamara and his team-mates to re-apply the pressure on

Rangers, who currently lead the SPL by three points.

That was something they couldn’t quite manage at Pittodrie in their final domestic game before the winter break, but following an enjoyable week of light training and relaxation in Florida, McNamara believes the Hoops have returned refreshed and focussed on the battle ahead.

“It was a good break,” said the midfielder. “We’d obviously been there two years ago so knew

exactly what to expect in terms of facilities and the like.

Everything was excellent and the players had a good time.

“That was my third winter break so I know what it’s all about. Basically you train hard, but also get a bit of time to relax and recharge the batteries.

“That was probably something we needed. The manager hit the nail on the head when he said we were looking a bit tired after the game at Pittodrie.

“The boys certainly had a lot

of games coming thick and fast during that period and it’s bound to take its toll.

“But everyone feels refreshed now after the break and hopefully that will come through in our performances.”

Celtic will certainly need to match basement battlers Dundee United in terms of commitment this evening if they are to avoid another costly slip-up in the league race.

And, according to McNamara – who scored a magnificent goal

the last time the Terrors visited Paradise – Celtic will be giving their visitors the utmost respect.

He said: “We’ve had good results against United in the past but they’re still a team who can cause us problems.

“The first goal will be vital and we all know the importance of keeping up the pressure at the top of the league.

“What we set out to do at the start of the season was retain the league, anything else is just a bonus.”