



***Celtic v
Inter CableTel AFC***

***UEFA Cup First Qualifying Phase
Second Leg
Celtic Park***

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A photograph of two young boys playing football on a grassy field at dusk. The boy in the foreground is running towards the right, wearing a light-colored sweater and dark pants. The boy in the background is running towards the left, wearing a dark suit. A football is on the ground in the foreground. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is energetic and playful.

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The priority tonight is to achieve a result that will take us through to the next qualifying phase of the UEFA Cup.

Inter CableTel did not make it easy for us in Cardiff last Wednesday and showed admirable battling qualities. In that respect, a 3-0 victory was exactly what we were looking for, although, I'd readily concede we did not play so well.

However, it was pleasing that we kept a clean sheet - even against so-called 'minnows' this is not always easy.

But we won't merely be looking for victory this evening. I want us to improve with every match we play and take satisfaction from the fact that Saturday's performance in the 1-1 draw with Parma was better than the one we put in at Cardiff.

It takes time to make a team and having to play UEFA Cup games before the domestic season has started doesn't make things easy.

Parma was an excellent test because they are a strong, controlled side and very difficult to play against.

They pushed us back and we ended up looking more defensive than we set out to be.

I think a draw was a fair result. At some points we played well, while at other times we gave the ball away too easily.

Getting better all the time

I was impressed with Craig Burley on his debut. He passed the ball well and had a very good first half. We took him off after an hour because we didn't want to push him after a week in which he had hardly trained.

He will be important to us in the season ahead, though obviously he is not eligible to play this evening.

Another player who won't feature tonight for the same reason is Henrik Larsson. Making these two signings last week shows we are building a strong squad.

Darren Jackson is another new player who I believe will get better as his fitness improves. On Saturday he worked very hard for the 45 minutes but he needs more games to get his sharpness back.

I enjoyed my first taste of match action at Celtic Park at the weekend and I think we are fortunate to have supporters who really support their team.



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Welsh minnows' big adventure

Regardless of what happens tonight, Inter CableTel will consider their UEFA Cup adventure this term to be a highlight of their short time in existence.

Many clubs from the smaller footballing nations of Europe will look on Welsh side Inter CableTel with envy, by the end of tonight they will have played in front of 30,000 people in the space of a week.

That is more than they would play to in a typical six month spell.

Drawing a high profile side as famous as former European Cup winners Celtic was a dream come true for the Cardiff club, and especially for manager George Wood (pictured below right).

The ecstatic former Scottish international keeper beamed: "It's like winning the lottery!"

"Celtic are one of the greatest clubs in Britain and every bit as big as an English Premiership club.

It's tremendous for a club our size to be matched against a team with such a proud history."

Drawn out of the hat first, Celtic generously agreed to a switch to Cardiff for the first leg in order to give Inter the best chance of a cash bonanza.

Unfortunately, Inter had to switch the match to Ninian Park, home of Cardiff City, to accommodate Celtic's vast army of fans.

Inter are a very new club, formed in 1990 from Sully AFC. They took over the Cwrt-yr-Ala ground of neighbours AFC Cardiff when that club were forced to disband.

It was effectively a merger of the two clubs and it gave the newly formed outfit the facilities required to compete in the top division of the south's Welsh Football League.

Sully were already



established members of that league and in the first season under the new name of Inter Cardiff they attained a very respectable sixth place in the top division.

In the following season, the 1991/92 term, they slumped to 12th place but more importantly were invited to become founder members of the newly established League of Wales.

Lucrative sponsorship from Aspro Travel and Inter European Airways and a move to the better facilities of Cardiff Athletics Stadium



PAIN GAME... Simon Donnelly gets ready to tumble

ensured a very successful first season.

They led the table for most of the season before being overtaken by inaugural champions Cwmbran Town.

Nevertheless, they had finished a very creditable second but unfortunately their success was not rewarded with a European place, as UEFA did not grant an UEFA Cup place.

The management team of Lyn Jones and Phil Holme continued to find success on the field and with the withdrawal of chairman Chris Aspro, present chairman Max James took over the hot-seat.

With the help of then Cardiff City supremo Rick Wright, he gained a lucrative sponsorship deal with the renowned brewers Brains Brewery and shared Ninian Park with Wright's

club.

They finished second for a successive season and this time were admitted into the UEFA Cup, but the draw went against them.

Their opponents in the preliminary round of the 1994/95 competition were crack Polish outfit GKS Katowice who won 2-0 in Cardiff and convincingly 6-0 in the return.

It gave them a taste for European competition and they wanted more.

The following two seasons saw a period of reconstruction.

Moving to Merthyr Tydfil as part of a groundshare agreement with the local club, George Wood took over the manager's hotseat with Phil Holme continuing coaching duties.

The 1996 close season was the turning point.

James again came up



AIR RAID... Alan Stubbs and his defence can only watch as an Inter CableTel player rises to win the ball

with the goods and, assisted by fellow director Chris Camilleri and commercial manager Colin Hick, negotiated a superb sponsorship deal with telecommunications company CableTel.

The change of name to Inter CableTel was an integral part of the deal and with their backing, and a return to the Cardiff Athletics Stadium, success was again achieved.

A football-in-the-community deal was achieved with the city of Cardiff local authority, which gave them added stability, and the following season proved successful.

Finishing second to Barry Town meant a guaranteed UEFA Cup place, thanks to a steady and consistent improvement in form.

Their reward is now all too apparent!

The visit of the great Celtic was being talked about throughout Wales and beyond.

The only slight glitch in their dream was they had to use Ninian Park to house last week's tie.

That, and the 3-0 defeat.

Whatever, Inter will no doubt glean a nice sum from the venture, bringing added financial security and, perhaps, allow them to compete more evenly with Barry Town for the league title.

George Wood is being realistic after last week's result. He said: "No one gave us a hope of eliminating Celtic, so it's no use letting the lads get uptight and worried.

"I've got to make sure that they are relaxed, enjoy the experience of playing at Celtic Park and remember the years to come".

Many pros in the English league would give anything for such an experience and walking on the Paradise turf in front of the fanatical Celtic fans will be an experience in itself.

Wood added: "I will also want it to be a learning process for us to take as much as possible out of the game. The players will see at first hand what we try to teach them in training."

In a wider respect Wood was even more positive.

He said: "It's a tremendous boost for Welsh football and especially the league of Wales.

"I know some people have knocked the League, but it's growing and getting better organised every year."

One thing is certain, thanks to the world-wide reputation and support that Celtic hold, the name Inter CableTel AFC will at least be heard in all corners of the globe.

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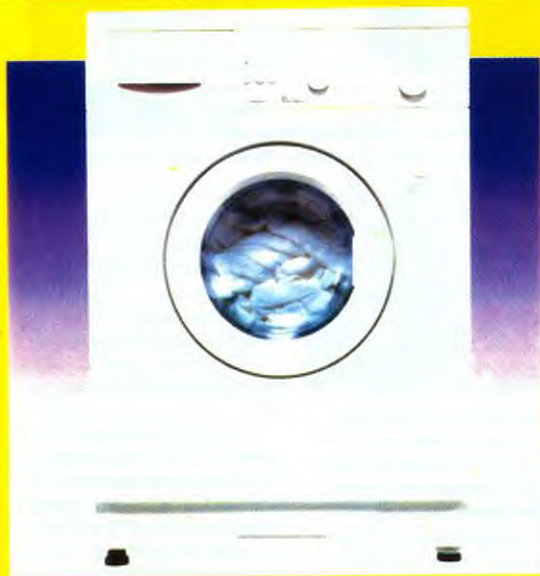
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1992/93 Div 1 - 2nd	38	26	5	7	79-36	87
1993/94 Div 1 - 2nd	38	26	3	9	97-44	81
1994/95 Div 1 - 10th	38	14	11	13	58-43	53
1995/96 Div 1 - 8th	40	14	12	14	62-62	54
Name changed from Inter Cardiff AFC to Inter CableTel AFC						
1996/97 Div 1 - 2nd	40	26	6	8	80-31	78

MAJOR HONOURS: League of Wales runners-up 1992/93, 1993/94, 1996/97

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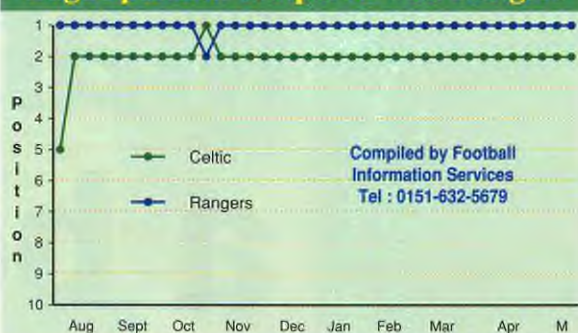
CELTIC'S RECORD LAST SEASON

Player Roll Call

	A	G	C
Boyd	31	5	
Cadete	30(1)	25	1
McNamara	30	1	4
di Canio	25(1)	12	6(1)
Kerr	25(1)		1
McKinlay	24(3)		4(1)
Grant	21(2)		5
Donnelly	20(9)	5	1
Stubbs	20		3(1)
van Hooijdonk	19(2)	14	3
O'Donnell	19	2	3
Thom	18(5)	6	1
Mackay	18(3)	1	4(1)
O'Neil	15(1)	2	2(1)
Hannah	14(4)		3
McStay	14(1)	1	3
Wieghorst	11(6)	2	
Marshall	11		1(1)
McLaughlin	8(11)	1	
Gray	7(4)		
Hughes	5(1)		2
Hay	4(10)	4	
Johnson	3(1)	1	1
Annoni	3		2
Kelly	1		
McBride	(2)		
Anthony	(2)		
Elliott	(1)		

Key : A=Appearances (as Sub)
C=Cautions (Sent Off) G=Goals

league position compared with Rangers



Celtic's results analysis

goals	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
for	1	2	2	2	2	3	1
against	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
goals agt	0	1	2	3	4	5	

shows the number of matches finishing with a variety of scores, eg Celtic won 2 games 5-0 and lost 2 games 0-2

all charts and tables show League data for the 96/97 season

number of goals scored in games

	home	away	home	away
for	3	3	11	3
against	3	4	5	8
for	2	3	8	2
against	3	2	2	1
for	4	3	1	
against	5	3		
for	6	1		

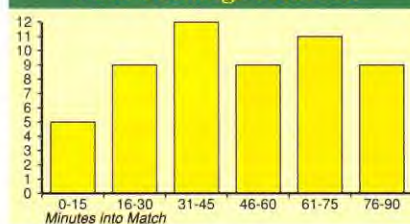
League Results

Dundee United	H	3-0
Kilmarnock	H	0-0
Hibernian	A	3-1
Aberdeen	H	3-0
Raith	A	1-1
Dunfermline	A	2-2
Rangers	H	0-1
Kilmarnock	A	0-2
Hearts	H	2-0
Motherwell	A	1-0
Raith	H	2-0
Dundee United	A	0-1
Dunfermline	A	2-0
Hibernian	H	4-1
Raith	A	2-1
Hearts	A	2-1
Kilmarnock	H	6-0
Motherwell	H	5-0
Rangers	A	1-3
Dunfermline	H	4-2
Aberdeen	A	2-1
Dundee United	H	1-0
Motherwell	A	1-2
Hearts	H	2-2
Rangers	H	0-1
Aberdeen	H	1-0
Hibernian	A	4-0
Hearts	A	2-2
Motherwell	H	1-0
Rangers	A	0-2
Dunfermline	H	5-1
Dundee United	A	2-1
Hibernian	H	5-0
Kilmarnock	A	3-1
Raith	H	4-1
Aberdeen	A	2-2

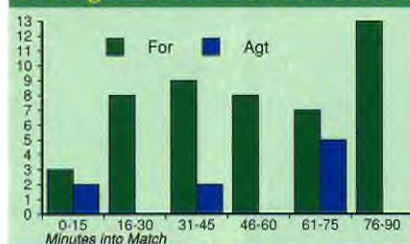
gates at Celtic Park

	0	26,000	52,000
Rangers			51,800
Aberdeen			50,136
Hearts			50,034
Dunfermline			50,032
Rangers			49,929
Hearts			49,729
Motherwell			49,422
Hibernian			49,092
Aberdeen			47,295
Raith			47,200
Hibernian			47,042
Dundee Utd			46,758
Dundee Utd			46,590
Dunfermline			45,818
Kilmarnock			45,724
Motherwell			45,374
Raith			45,233
Kilmarnock			42,994

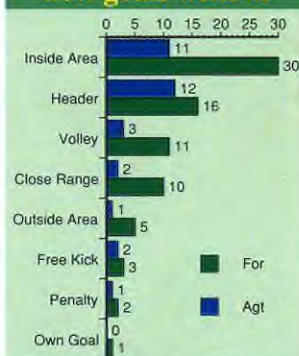
when bookings occurred



when goals went in at Celtic Park



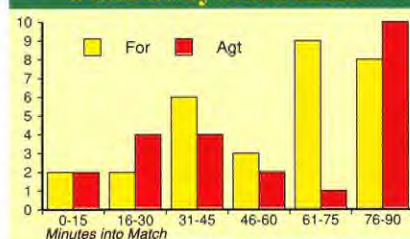
how goals went in



league scorers

	0	5	10	15	20	25
Cadete						25
van Hooijdonk						14
di Canio						12
Thom						6
Donnelly						5
Hay						4
O'Donnell						2
O'Neil						2
Wieghorst						2
Johnson						1
Mackay						1
McLaughlin						1
McNamara						1
McStay						1

.. and away from home



bookings

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
di Canio							6
Boyd							5
Grant							5
Mackay							4
McKinlay							4
McNamara							4
Hannah							3
McStay							3
O'Donnell							3
Stubbs							3
van Hooijdonk							3
Annoni							2
Hughes							2
O'Neil							2
Cadete							1
Donnelly							1
Johnson							1
Kerr							1
Marshall							1
Thom							1

Red Cards
di Canio
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Marshall
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