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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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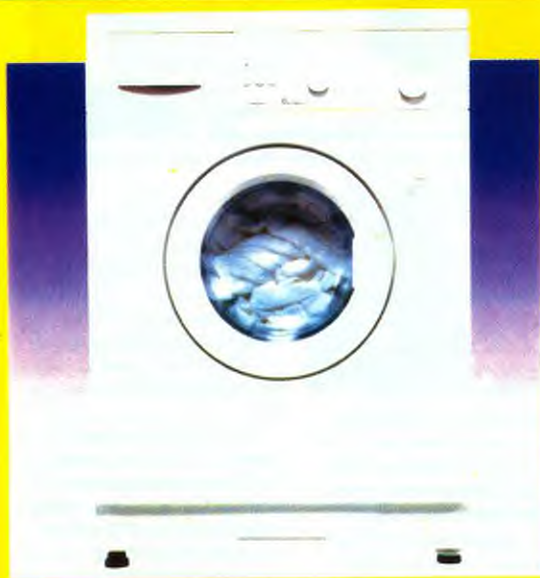
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1992/93 Div 1 - 2nd	38	26	5	7	79-36	87
1993/94 Div 1 - 2nd	38	26	3	9	97-44	81
1994/95 Div 1 - 10th	38	14	11	13	58-43	53
1995/96 Div 1 - 8th	40	14	12	14	62-62	54
Name changed from Inter Cardiff AFC to Inter CableTel AFC						
1996/97 Div 1 - 2nd	40	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 Hoojdonk	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 agt	0	1	2	3	4	5
for	0	1	2	3	4	5
against	6	1	2	1	2	1

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	for	agt	for	agt
0	3	3	11	3
1	3	4	5	8
2	3	8	2	6
3	2	2	1	1
4	3	1		
5	3			
6	1			

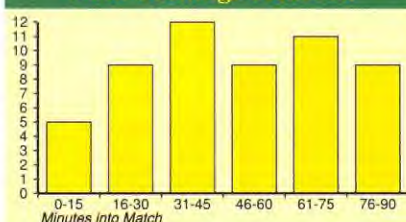
League Results

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

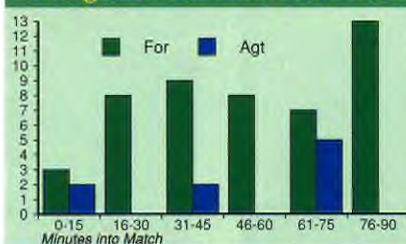
gates at Celtic Park

	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

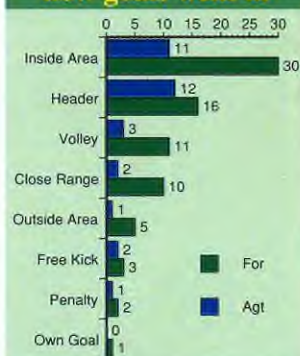
when bookings occurred



when goals went in at Celtic Park



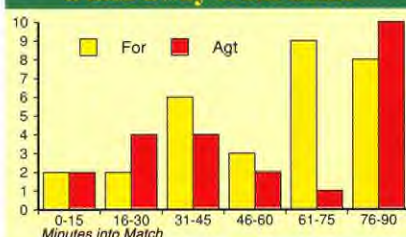
how goals went in



league scorers

	0	5	10	15	20	25
Cadete						25
van Hoojdonk						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



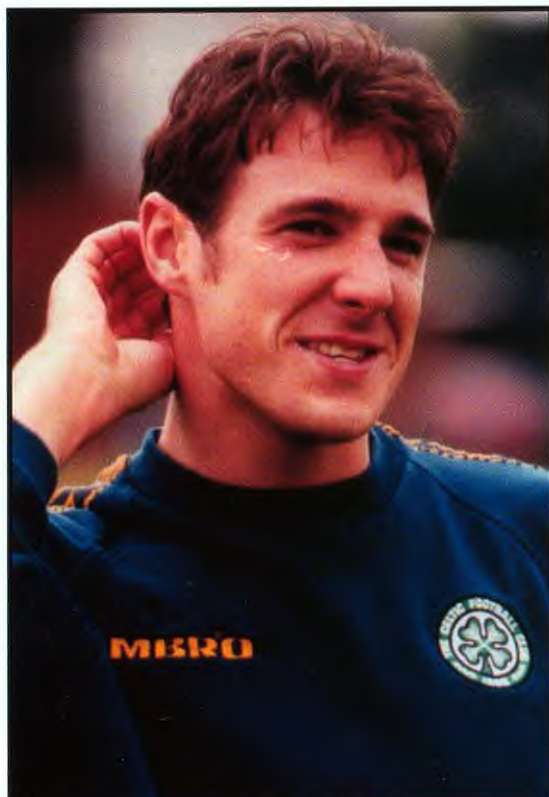
bookings

	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
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Hughes							2
O'Neil							2
Cadete							1
Donnelly							1
Johnson							1
Kerr							1
Marshall							1
Thom							1

Red Cards
di Canio
Mackay
Marshall
McKinlay
O'Neil
Stubbs

MALKY MACKAY DEALS THE CARDS

Malky's a belly addict!



Malky Mackay is the man telling us what normal, boring everyday things fill his life in tonight's programme.

The Celtic defender is a guy who likes a soak, reckons he'd make a great 007 and is driven batty by a team-mate's singing.

How did we find this out? We let him pick 20 out of 25 question cards, and answer the poser on each card. Did someone say poser? Only joking Malky!

WHAT COLOUR WAS YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM?

Black blazer and trousers, with a black, red and yellow tie.

DO YOU EAT CEREAL OR TOAST FOR BREAKFAST?

Oh, it definitely has to be Frosties for my breakfast!

DO YOU WORRY ABOUT GOING BALD?

No, I'm not bothered at all.

IN A TWO-COURSE MEAL WOULD YOU HAVE A SWEET OR A STARTER?

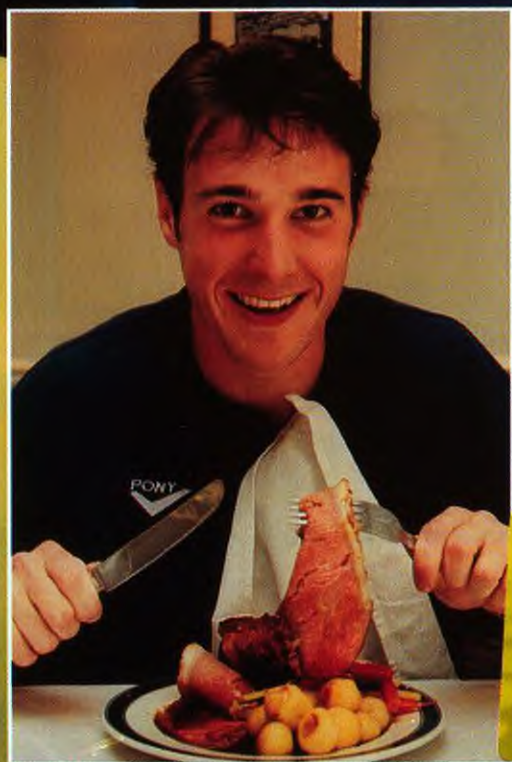
Two starters!!

DO YOU PREFER A BATH OR A SHOWER?

A bath.

DO YOU CLEAN YOUR OWN WINDOWS OR GET SOMEONE ELSE TO DO THEM FOR YOU?

I don't have any windows to clean, as I live in very comfortable digs! (Your mum's Malky - Ed)



WHAT WAS THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?

The Partner by John Grisham.

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE SPICE GIRL?

Mel B - Scary Spice.

WHAT WOULD YOU SPEND YOUR LAST £10 ON? Food!

DO READ THE PAPER FROM THE BACK FIRST OR THE FRONT?

From the back.

DID YOU HAVE A PET AS A CHILD?

Yes. I had a dog called Snuff.

WHAT WERE YOUR FIRST FOOTBALL BOOTS LIKE?

Gola Standfinders, if you catch my drift!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR OF CAR?

Azure blue.

WHAT ARE YOUR LOTTERY NUMBERS?

I do the Lucky Dip.

WHAT DO YOU KEEP IN YOUR POCKETS?

Nothing but my hands.



HAVE YOU EVER DYED YOUR HAIR?

No, I definitely don't want to end up looking like Peter Grant!

WHAT IS YOUR WORST HABIT?

Eating too much!

WHAT IS THE WORST RECORD YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

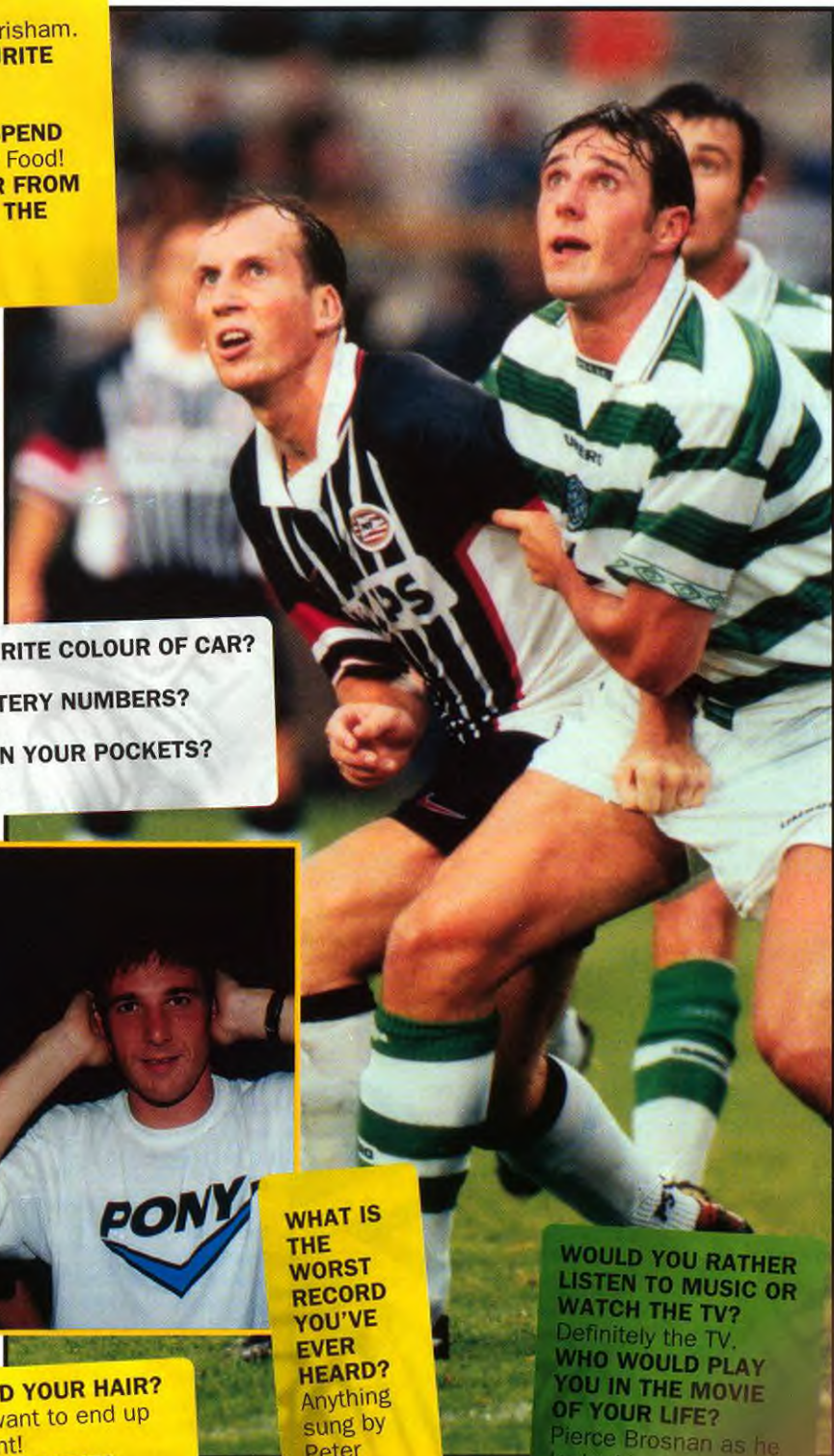
Anything sung by Peter Grant!

WOULD YOU RATHER LISTEN TO MUSIC OR WATCH THE TV?

Definitely the TV.

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN THE MOVIE OF YOUR LIFE?

Pierce Brosnan as he looked in James Bond of course!



Facing up to the big frees



SHOESTRING BUDGET... George Wood has worked wonders

In these days when football appears to be all about multi-million pound signings and salaries that would once have been mega Pools wins, Inter CableTel almost belong in another world.

This is not said to demean last season's League of Wales runners-up in any way but rather offered to give an indication of how difficult it is for clubs of the Cardiff side's stature to give a good account of themselves in European competition.

CableTel manager George Wood does not have the luxury of pulling out a chequebook every time he feels there is a gap to be plugged in his side.

None of the players in the squad he has assembled cost a transfer fee and he is to be commended for the way his charges played at Cardiff last Wednesday in the face of such daunting opposition.

A 3-0 defeat, more or less, reflected the balance of play but Woods admitted

Not one Cardiff player cost a penny!

afterwards a couple of good stops from 27-year-old keeper **MARTY ELLACOTT** had helped the Cardiff cause.

The club's only English first-team squad member only missed four games last term and was given the nod ahead of understudy **STEVE MORRIS**, three years his elder.

Wood adopted a 5-3-2 formation with a central defence composed of **ANDY RICKARD** sweeping behind markers **RICHARD DAVID** and **DEAN PHILPOTT**.

The 27-year-old Rickard was another stalwart of CableTel last term and formed a solid-looking unit with the 26-year-old pair of David and Philpott.

The wing-back roles were assumed by the unfortunate **WAYNE**



WORLDS APART... CableTel take on Conwy in a typical League of Wales clash – a million miles away from Celtic Park

HEWITT, who patrolled the left flank, and **RICHARD WILLIAMS**, operating on the left.

Last Wednesday was not a good night for 27-year-old Hewitt with the defender conceding a penalty after only four minutes due to a needless lunge on Jackie McNamara.

A confident conversion by Andreas Thom put Celtic in the ascendancy and Inter immediately on the back foot.

To Hewitt's credit he fought back from that hammer blow and was one of the home side's more impressive figures. Indeed both he and 21-year-old Williams put in real shifts for their team.

As did a hard-working midfield of **NEIL DAVIES**, **SEAN WHARTON** and **BRIAN GIBSON**.

The 29-year-old Wharton, who can also operate in attack, played in all but one of CableTel's games last term as did 25-year-old Davies with 35-year-old Gibson being added to the squad over the summer break.

PAUL BURROWS had little opportunity to shine in attack at Ninian Park last week and was replaced by **TONY JENKINS** for the last 20 minutes, which must have deeply disappointed the club's top scorer of last season.

For the ever-present

hit 40 goals in 21 games to help his team clinch a UEFA Cup spot and earn the 29-year-old something of a reputation.

Jenkins, at 22-years-old, is one of the youngest senior squad members in the CableTel playing staff and tends to operate more from the middle of the park, as he did with Merthyr Tydfil last term before joining the

Cardiff side recently.

Another first-choice striker is **RICHARD HAIG** who scored 10 goals in only 18 league appearances to help CableTel into second spot in the League of Wales.

The 26-year-old was last Wednesday replaced by new boy **JOHN WILE**, another 26-year-old who until last month plied his trade with Ton Pentre.

“Wood must be commended for his hard work”

Celtic View

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My ultimate Celtic team is one that would bring out the fans - in fact I'm sure you would have to find a stadium capable of holding more than 100,000 fans for every game this side played - home or away!

This team would be a complete footballing side which I think would be unbeatable, as every player is a class-act who, at their peak would walk into any side, past or present.

With a strong defence easily capable of linking with the midfield and forwards and in turn, a class midfield and an extremely exciting forward line, I would be disappointed if this side didn't win every game by at least three clear goals.

In goal I would have Gordon Banks who must be one of the most consistent keepers in the history of the game.

In Danny McGrain and Paolo Maldini I believe I have the ideal pairing for the full-back slots. Danny could attack as well as defend and opposing teams even had to put a defender on him - so telling were his runs and crosses from the byeline.

Maldini was the complete defender - he was a fantastic marker and had great tactical awareness.

MATT'S MARVELS

Banks; McGrain, Maldini; Murdoch, Baresi, Baxter, Johnstone, Puskas, Charlton, Pele, Ghento

By MATT CAMPBELL

Bobby Murdoch's greatest quality was his ability to hit long accurate passes which as often as not would split a defence.

To my mind Franco Baresi was the greatest ever centre-half and I would make him my captain.

We then come to Jim Baxter, who although wasn't great defensively, was a player who could fit into any system - and any faults he had he more than made up for in ability.

I defy anyone to name a better forward line. On the wing there's Jimmy Johnstone - the greatest winger I've ever seen.

In Puskas we have the team's general - with his fantastic vision

and great shooting ability. Bobby Charlton was the ultimate leader of his forward line and with his cannonball shot he could easily interchange with the rest of the forwards.

My next inclusion, Pele, is simply the greatest player of all time - he could do anything and was an absolute genius.

For speedy wingers you need look no further than Ghento - he would take on opponents with ease and was a goalscorer of the highest quality.

I had the great privilege of watching every one of these players in action, either at club or international level, and can say hand on my heart, that if any manager could have these players under his wing, he would be in football heaven.

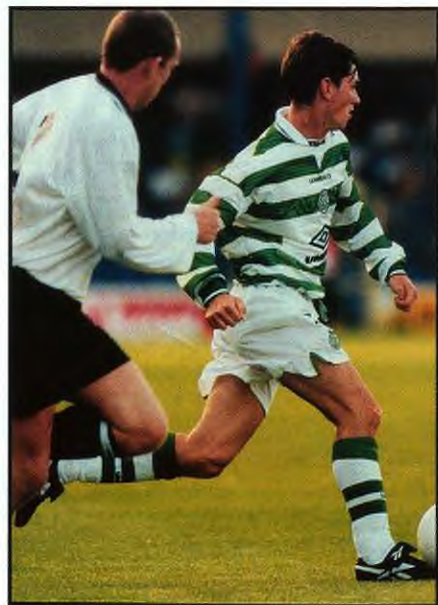
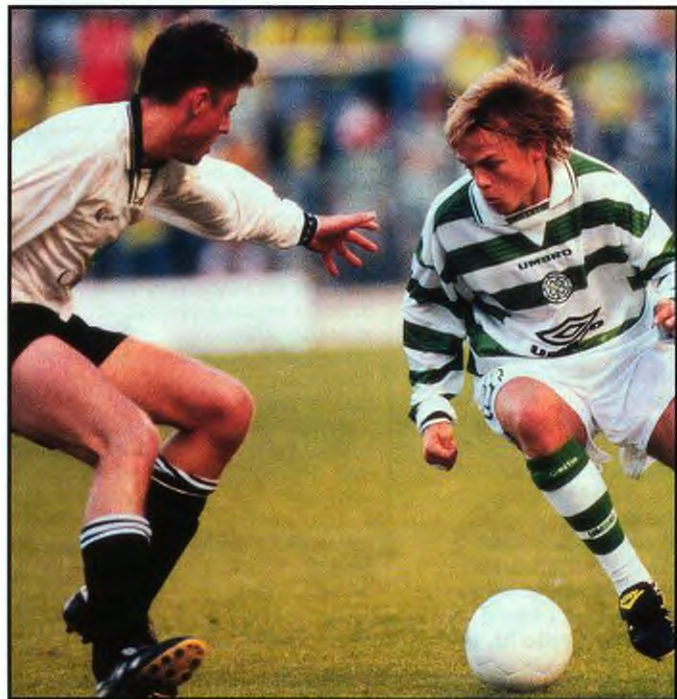
If YOU think you have a better Celtic XI, or would even choose the same one then WE want to hear from you.

Send us a pic and your purple prose - or even just a pic and your phone number and - let us do the rest. The address to write to is: Dream Teams, Celtic Programme, Celtic Park, Glasgow, G40 3RE.

MATCH ACTION FROM THE 1ST LEG



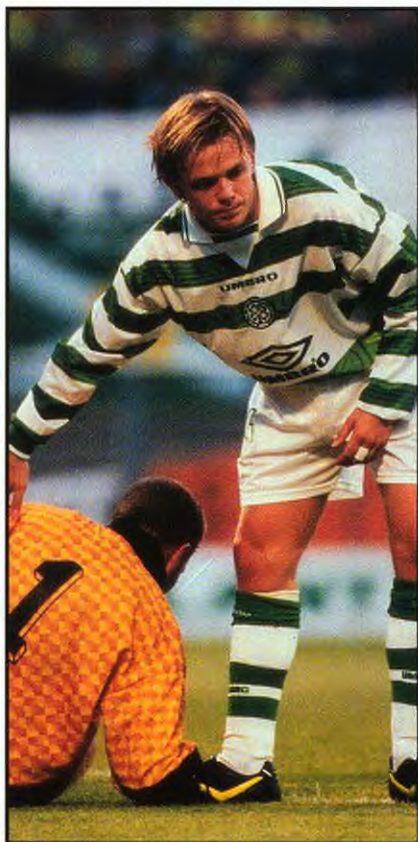
TOMMY JOY... Johnson is congratulated by his team-mates and right, Darren Jackson tries to add to the scoreline



WIDE BHOYS... Donnelly, left, and Jackie McNamara, above, set up a Celtic attack



INTER EM... Simon Donnelly and Stuart Gray rise to the challenge and below Tommy Johnston scores Celts second



LEAN TIMES... Simon Donnelly gives the Welsh keeper a pat on the back

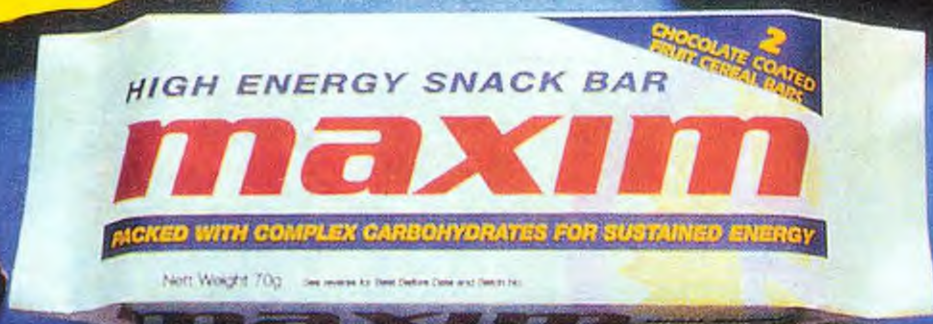


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TONY'S QUIZ TIME

Another chance this week for a lucky caller and a friend to be our VIP guests at Celtic Park – this time for our next game against Roma on August 6.

AND another opportunity for three opinionated callers to air their views on this page about any current Celtic issue.

To have a chance of winning the Directors Box seats simply tell us which Celt joined the club this year from Roma?

It couldn't be simpler - just call the **QUIZLINE** on **0891 70 70 72** and follow the brief instructions, don't forget to leave a daytime telephone number.

A winner for the briefs will be selected at random and subject to publishing deadlines, the winners details

will appear in the next edition of the Celtic matchday programme.

Callers to the QUIZLINE have a lot on their minds these days, and here are three of the most recent comments we've received from the fans.

First was John McLaren from Newton Mearns, and he said: "Paolo Di Canio and Jorge Cadete are insulting us, the supporters.

"Celtic should part company with them immediately."

On a happier note, Sarah Andrews from Lancs called to say: "Darren Jackson will be a great addition to the squad and will become a firm favourite for the fans."

The last caller was Charles Keane from Coatbridge, he said: "I don't know what all the fuss is over Di Canio and Cadete, why force people to wear the Hoops who couldn't care less about us."

NEW BHOY...

Darren Jackson gets the thumbs up from Celtic fan Sarah Andrews



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A couple of seasons ago we ran a series focusing on some of the many Scottish Celtic supporters' club.

But, of course, the passion for the club extends far beyond these shores. And that's why, this term, we will be turning our attentions to the Celtic fans across the water in Ireland, whose devotion to their team could never be questioned.

This evening Irish supporter and journalist **MARTIN MCGANN** gives us a flavour of what we can expect in his series of articles.

Any Celtic supporter walking down Nuneaton Street on a match day is surely amazed at the sight of a hutch of buses from Ireland.

Belfast, Derry, Galway, Dublin, Cork, the list goes on and on. Places that are rich in history and rich in Celtic devotees. Walk into any bar frequented by the club's supporters and you'll see and hear us - everywhere. In our thousands.

Anyone who fears Celtic are their traditions ought to reflect on the fact that, more than ever, the club's heritage is reflected in those who take up their seats in Paradise.

Ferry companies will tell you that, on average, around 2,000 Celts travel by ferry to each

home game.

The Fans Across The Water series of articles will detail some of those Celts and their supporters' clubs; what they are all about; their origins; what a trip to the game means to them and, indeed, what Celtic itself means to them.



Most Irish clubs have very close links with their Scottish counterparts and we are deeply indebted to the members of such clubs.

The whole Celtic support structure is responsible for nurturing the interest in Celtic in Ireland from the ticket staff to the producers of the *Celtic View* - one

of the few reliable sources of information or inspiration we have.

The position we find ourselves in is similar to that of Celts in Canada or other distant countries - lack of credible, regular information.

For away matches *Radio Scotland* becomes our saviour as we listen through the crackles and and breaks in transmission to hear how our team is doing.

That magical night, last April, when Jorge Cadete made a scoring debut for the Hoops in a 5-0 victory over Aberdeen (pictured left), we were told that the game would be on Scottish Television.

So to Belfast we headed. A mistake had been made, however, and the match wasn't on Borders but Grampian, which we can't pick up in Ireland.

Someone said: "Let's try *The Star pub* in Ardoyne. It'll be on there!" Carloads bedecked in hoops whizzed passed mystified footpatrols as we made our way across.

On arrival we found the club filled with Celts huddled round a tranny - no live match, we thought, but this'll do.

We celebrated all five goals as if we were there ourselves and relished the thought of what would lie ahead the next season.

Just one story of the many which we have told on the journey round The Ould Sod.

We've got it covered

You might have noticed that the cover of tonight's programme is a bit different to that of last Saturday's for the game with Parma.

And if Celtic manage to see off Inter CableTel tonight, and move into the second qualifying phase, then the programme for the home leg of that game will be different again.

Confused? Well, don't be, because it's part of an initiative by Glasgow Development Agency (GDA) which will see the front covers of Rangers' and Celtic's European home games created by some of the city's top graphic design companies.

Adrian Searle, Design Executive at GDA, said: "Glasgow has European class football teams and European class design companies, so we thought it would be good to match them up together."

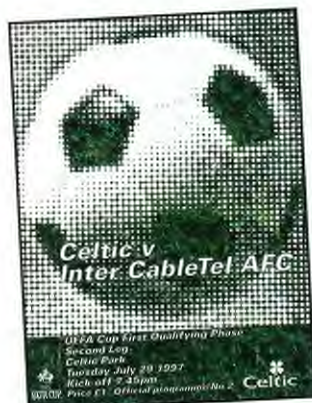
By ANDREW SMITH

"In the run up to Glasgow: UK City of Architecture and Design 1999, it is also important that we get the message across that design can reach out to all areas of our everyday lives. Football is so much a part of our culture that there couldn't be a better medium than the match programmes for reaching the people on the terraces.

"It is also a great opportunity to showcase Glasgow's design talent, not only to the local community but to the rest of Europe and if both teams triumph we'll have a series of programmes which will be classics of design, and football history."

GDA is providing 50 per cent of the graphic design companies' costs for the venture which kicks off tonight with Celtic's first designer cover created by Tank.

Stuart Gilmour of Tank said: "None of us, surprisingly enough,



are Rangers or Celtic fans but the idea of designing a programme for either club is very exciting.

"We have long discussed the concept of designing a new and more radical format for a football programme for one of the smaller local sides like Clyde or Albion Rovers. The cover of Celtic v Inter CableTel is a good place to start."

Celtic were happy to take this initiative on board and commercial director David Kells said: "We are pleased to support this venture and recognise the design specialists that exist within the city."

If Rangers and Celtic go all the way to the top in their European bids, the special designer frontcovers will have a total of 14 outings.

Other companies waiting in the wings include 999 Design, Pointsize, Graven Images, Randak, Cactus, Blue Peach, Locofoco, Curious Oranj, Pure, Gardiner Russell, The Edge and Map Ref.

Worth the wait

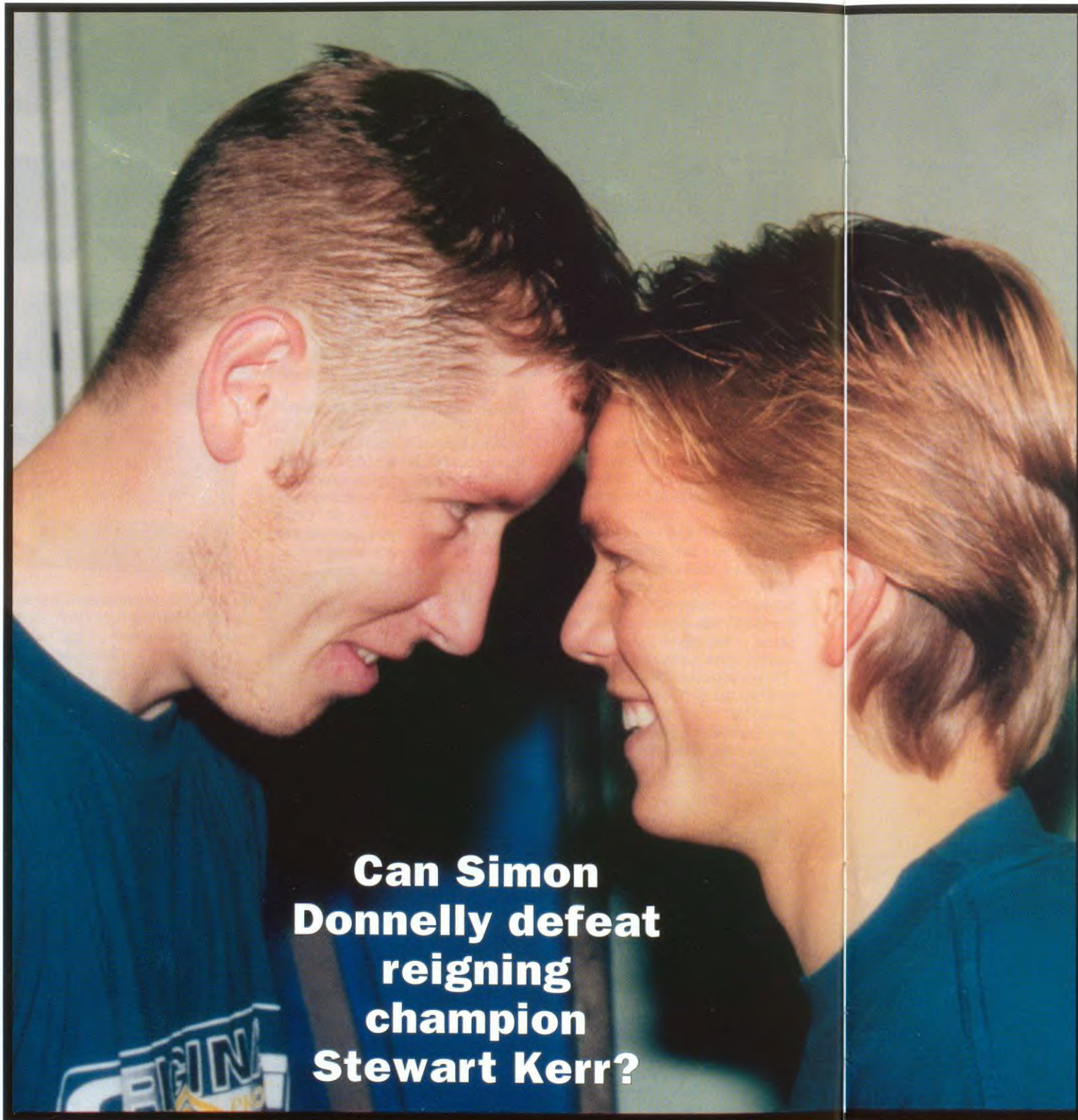
There may be no tours of Celtic Park on offer at the moment - but the visitor attraction that will be open to the public in November is worth waiting for.

Construction is well under way, and when completed the centre will boast five exhibition areas and an auditorium where

supporters will be able to view a 20 minute film about the history of the club.

The attraction will be open six days a week - not on matchdays and the entrance fee will be kept to a minimum.

Curator Margot McCuaig is still looking for exhibits for the centre, so if you think you can help contact her, on 0141 551 4268 during office hours.



Can Simon Donnelly defeat reigning champion Stewart Kerr?

So who is our Celtic know-all?

QUESTION. WHERE DOES BRITISH OPEN WINNER JUSTIN LEONARD COME FROM?

Stewart Kerr: USA
Simon Donnelly: Texas, USA
Answer: Texas, USA

Q. IN WHAT POSITION DID WORLD NUMBER ONE TIGER WOODS FINISH AT TROON?

SK: 20th
SD: Don't have a clue.
A: 24th

Q. WHICH PLAYER RECENTLY LEFT ABERDEEN TO JOIN STOCKPORT COUNTY?

SK: Colin Woodthorpe
SD: Sorry, don't know
A: Colin Woodthorpe

Q. WHAT WAS THE FEE LIVERPOOL PAID INTERNAZIONALE FOR ENGLAND MIDFIELDER PAUL INCE?

SK: £4.2million
SD: £4.5million
A: £4.5million

Q. WHO IS THE MOST RECENT FOOTBALLER TO HAVE LINKS WITH THE SPICE GIRLS, AND WHY?

SK: Gary Lineker in the Walker's Crisps advert.
SD: Gary Lineker in the Walker's Crisps ad.
A: Gary Lineker in the Walker's Crisps advert

Q. WHO SCORED CELTIC'S ONLY GOAL IN THE UEFA CUP LAST SEASON?

SK: Jorge Cadete
SD: Cadete
A: Jorge Cadete

Q. WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE UEFA CUP FINAL THIS SEASON?

SK: It's a one-off game
SD: I don't know, again!
A: It's one game instead of a two-legged tie.

How much do the Celtic players really know about their game, and the world of sport in general?

We'll be testing them out, pitting their wits against each other this season.

In last Saturday's Parma programme, Stewart Kerr defeated Phil O'Donnell in the midfield against keeper showdown, but how did he fare when he came up against the nifty footwork of Simon Donnelly - a great mover up front or out on the wing. Let's find out.

Q. WHICH THREE EX-ABERDEEN PLAYERS HAVE RETURNED TO PITTODRIE FOR THIS COMING SEASON?

SK: Jim Leighton, Eoin Jess and Gary Smith
SD: Eoin Jess and Jim Leighton, can't remember the other one.
A: Jim Leighton, Eoin Jess and Gary Smith

Q. HOW MANY GOALS WERE IN TOTAL BY SCOTTISH CLUBS IN EUROPEAN COMPETITION LAST WEEK?

SK: 16
SD: 16
A: 16

Q. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE INTER CABLETEL GOALKEEPER?

SK: Marty Ellacott
SD: The Cat!?
A: Marty Ellacott

Well, Stewart 'Crusher' Kerr has done it again - Simon was no match for him, as he sailed to victory, 7.5 to the striker's measly 5.5. Who will ever get past the Celtic goalie? Find out if someone can in the AS Roma programme.

FACTFILE

Name: Darren Carr

Age: 21

Resides: South Shields, Tyne & Wear.

Occupation: Electronic Engineer

Favourite Current Celt: Phil O'Donnell

All time fave Celt: Kenny Dalglish

Favourite other team: Newcastle United

Player regret not having seen: Jimmy Johnstone

Best Celtic game: The friendly against

Newcastle in August 1995

Best goals: John Collins' spectacular

free kicks against Rangers

Who would you buy for Celtic: Alan

Shearer

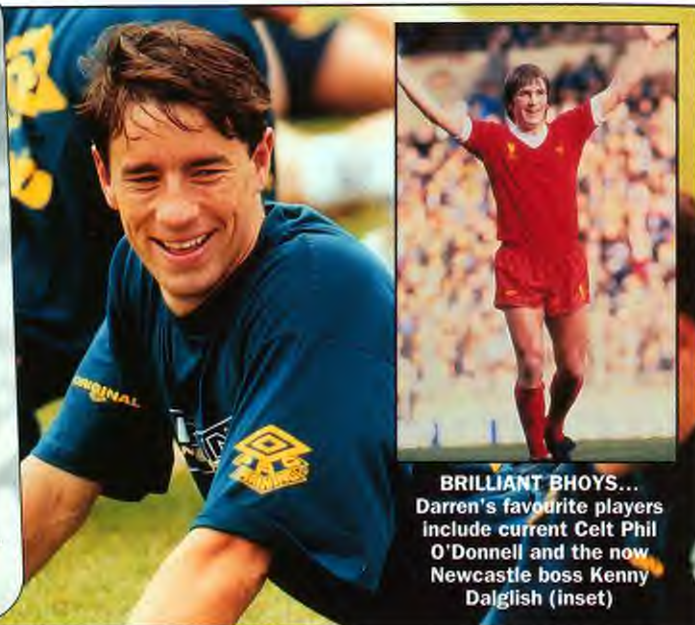
Fave non footballing sportsperson:

Steve Collins

Best Celtic XI: Bonnar, McGrain, Rogan,

Elliott, McNeill, O'Donnell, Dalglish,

Burns, Lennox, J Johnstone, Collins.



BRILLIANT BHOYS...
Darren's favourite players include current Celt Phil O'Donnell and the now Newcastle boss Kenny Dalglish (Inset)

Torn between two lovers is a phrase which doesn't apply to Celtic fanatic Darren Carr.

The Glasgow-born Geordie has spent nearly all of his life in the shadow of St James Park in Newcastle and although they have a place in his heart, Celtic will always come first.

He cites the day Newcastle United came to Glasgow to mark the opening of the North Stand as one of the best days he's spent here, and it was little to do with the football.

He explained: "The atmosphere at Celtic Park is unique and that particular day it was electric, even more so when the opposition was my local team.

"That's why I travelled to Dublin this month to catch the mini-tour involving both clubs and PSV Eindhoven.

"Things didn't go quite to plan and the desired final never took place but it was an experience to be there and to see the two sets of supporters mixing so well.

"That's another thing about Celtic, they can go anywhere in the world and be welcomed with open arms."

The season book holder sometimes makes the trip with the Tyne & Wear CSC, so he's not alone

Celts call the Toons

By TONY HAMILTON

in South Shields in the supporting Celtic stakes.

"Where I live is not unlike Glasgow - the majority of supporters follow one of two teams, Newcastle or Sunderland. I chose the Magpies, but only after Celtic.

"One of the reasons for being a Geordie Bhoys is my east end of Glasgow roots and that my Rangers supporting father Mick continually taunts me about Celtic.

"But the real reason is I just love the way Celtic play attacking football. European soccer may produce some fine players but it's pretty grim to watch."

He added: "Celtic and Newcastle have a great deal in common - two energetic and ambitious chairmen at the helm and supporters the envy of many sides."

Making the 400-mile round trip to see the Hoops makes no odds to the engineer.

He said: "I am no different to many other supporters who travel far and wide to Paradise.

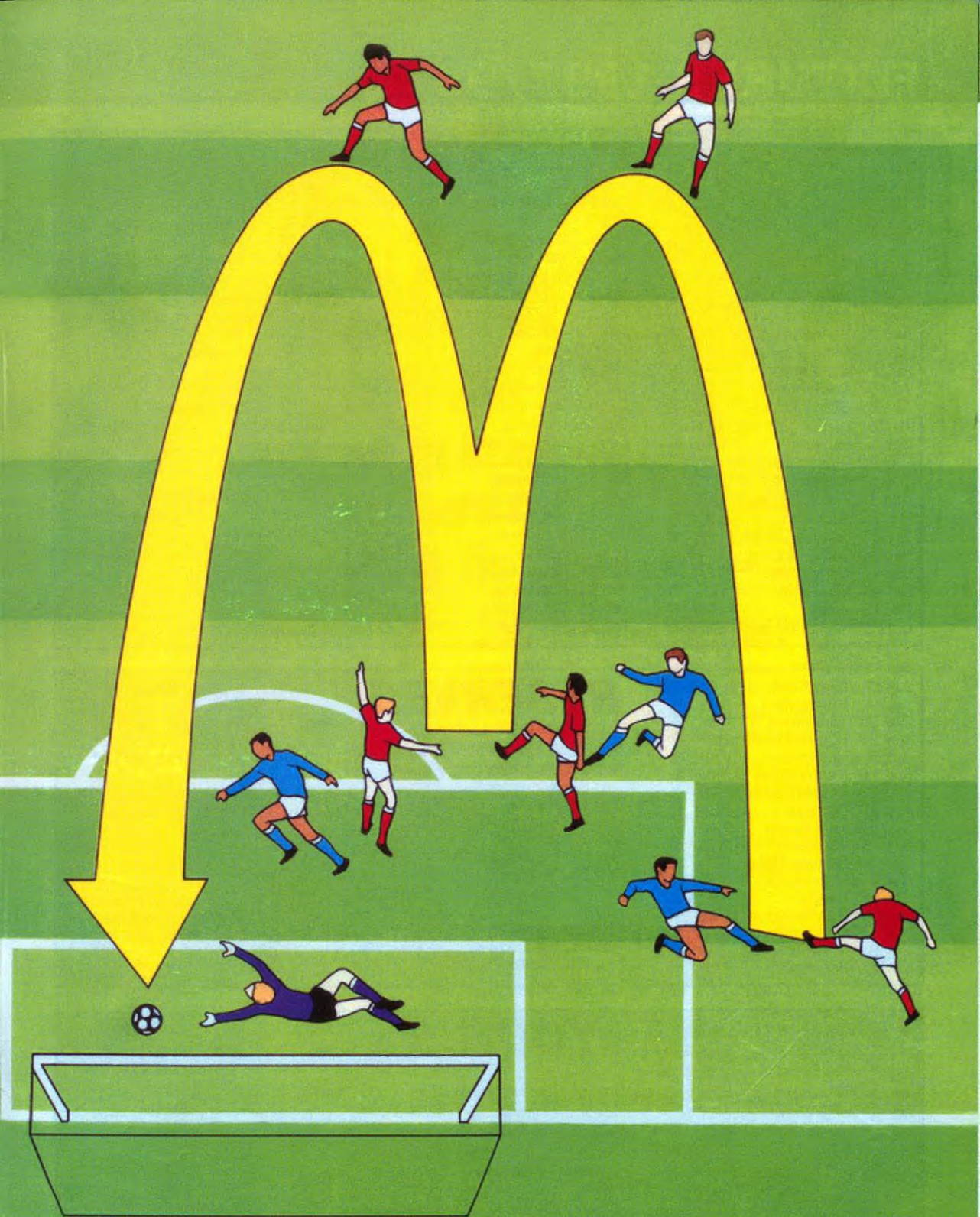
"In many ways I'm quite fortunate, I'm quite close when you consider fans travel from Torquay and Inverness."

This season will be no different for Carr.

"Despite Kenny Dalglish and Tommy Burns now at Newcastle together, I'll still travel to Glasgow.

"I'm confident we can, with the guidance of Wim Jansen, out-play all of our domestic opponents this term including Rangers.

"All Celtic can do as a team is try their best and as supporters all we can do is get behind them and not be fooled by sob stories from primadonnas."



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FIXTURES 1997/98

FIRST TEAM

Jul 5	FC Beatrix (21-0)	F	A			Mar 3	QF 1st leg	UEFA	-		
Jul 8	SV Veere (8-0)	F	A			Mar 7	Quarter-final	SC	-		
Jul 9	FC Groningen (0-3)	F	A			Mar 14	Dundee United	PD	H		
Jul 15	Derry City (2-3)	IICST	A	Oct 25	St Johnstone	PD	H	Mar 17	QF 2nd leg	UEFA	-
Jul 16	PSV (2-2) (3-5pen)	IICST	A	Nov 1	Dunfermline	PD	A	Mar 21	Aberdeen	PD	A
Jul 23	Inter CableTel (3-0)	UEFA	A	Nov 4	Rnd 2, 1st leg	UEFA	-	Mar 28	Hearts	PD	H
July 26	Parma	F	H	Nov 8	Rangers	PD	A	Mar 31	SF 1st leg	UEFA	-
Jul 29	Inter CableTel	UEFA	H	Nov 15	Motherwell	PD	H	Apr 4	Semi-final	SC	N
Aug 3	Hibernian	PD	A	Nov 22	Dundee United	PD	H	Apr 4	Kilmarnock	PD	A
Aug 6	AS Roma	F	H	Nov 25	Rnd 3, 1st leg	UEFA	-	Apr 12	Rangers	PD	A
Aug 9	Berwick/Brechin	CC	A	Nov 29	Aberdeen	PD	A	Apr 14	SF 2nd leg	UEFA	-
Au 12	Qual 2, 1st leg	UEFA	-	Nov 30	Final	CC	-	Apr 18	Motherwell	PD	H
Au 16	Dunfermline	PD	H	Dec 9	Rnd 3, 2nd leg	UEFA	-	Apr 25	Hibernian	PD	H
Au 20	Third round	CC	-	Dec 6	Kilmarnock	PD	A	May 2	Dunfermline	PD	A
Au 23	St Johnstone	PD	A	Dec 13	Hearts	PD	H	May 9	St Johnstone	PD	H
Au 26	Qual 2, 2nd leg	UEFA	-	Dec 20	Hibernian	PD	H	May 16	Final	SC	N
Sep 1	Rangers	PD	H	Dec 27	St Johnstone	PD	A	May 13	Final	UEFA	N
Sep 10	Quarter-final	CC	-	Jan 2	Rangers	PD	H				
Sep 13	Motherwell	PD	A	Jan 10	Motherwell	PD	A				
Sep 16	Rnd 1, 1st leg	UEFA	-	Jan 17	Dundee United	PD	A				
Sep 20	Aberdeen	PD	H	Jan 24	Third round	SC	-				
Sep 27	Dundee United	PD	A	Jan 31	Aberdeen	PD	H				
Sep 30	Rnd 1, 2nd leg	UEFA	-	Feb 7	Hearts	PD	A				
Oct 4	Kilmarnock	PD	H	Feb 14	Round four	SC	-				
Oct 15	Semi-final	CC	-	Feb 21	Kilmarnock	PD	H				
Oct 18	Hearts	PD	A	Feb 25	Dunfermline	PD	H				
Oct 21	Rnd 2, 1st leg	UEFA	-	Feb 28	Hibernian	PD	A				

Key:

IICST - Irish International Club Soccer Tournament;

F - Friendly;

PD - Premier Division;

SC - Scottish Cup;

CC - Coca-Cola Cup;

UEFA - UEFA Cup;

H - Home;

A - Away.

RESERVES

Jul 22	F'ley Celtic (1-0)	F	A			Nov 30	Motherwell	RLC	H		
Jul 24	Harrogate T	F	A			Dec 31	Quarter-final	RLC	H		
July 26	Tottenham H	HSF	N	Nov 22	Dundee Utd	PRD	A	Jan 31	Semi-final	RLC	A
July 27	H'gate/D.Utd	HSF	N	Nov 29	Aberdeen	PRD	A	Feb 28	Final	RLC	H
Aug 2	Hibernian	PRD	H	Dec 6	Kilmarnock	PRD	H				
Aug 16	Dunfermline	PRD	A	Dec 13	Hearts	PRD	A				
Aug 23	St Johnstone	PRD	H	Dec 20	Hibernian	PRD	A				
Aug 30	Rangers	PRD	A	Jan 3	Rangers	PRD	A				
Sep 13	Motherwell	PRD	H	Jan 10	Motherwell	PRD	H				
Sep 20	Aberdeen	PRD	A	Jan 17	Dundee Utd	PRD	H				
Sep 27	Dundee Utd	PRD	H	Jan 31	Aberdeen	PRD	A				
Oct 4	Kilmarnock	PRD	A	Feb 7	Hearts	PRD	H				
Oct 18	Hearts	PRD	H	Feb 14	Dunfermline	PRD	A				
Oct 25	St Johnstone	PRD	A	Feb 21	Kilmarnock	PRD	A				
Nov 1	Dunfermline	PRD	H	Feb 28	Hibernian	PRD	H				
Nov 8	Rangers	PRD	H								
Nov 15	Motherwell	PRD	A								

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP TIES

Nov 30	Motherwell	RLC	H
Dec 31	Quarter-final	RLC	H
Jan 31	Semi-final	RLC	A
Feb 28	Final	RLC	H

★ All Reserve League Cup games must be played by the above dates.

Key:

F - Friendly;

HSF - Harrogate Soccer Festival;

PRD - Premier Reserve Division;

RLC - Reserve League Cup;

H - Home;

A - Away.

YOUTHS

Jul 30	Feyenoord	SIYT	N			Feb 15	Dundee United	SYD	H
Jul 31	Rosenborg	SIYT	N			Feb 22	Hibernian	SYD	A
Aug 1	Newcastle	SIYT	N	Nov 2	Dundee United	SYD	A		
Aug 2/3	Semi-finals	SIYT	N	Nov 9	Hibernian	SYD	H		
Aug 6	Final	SIYT	N	Nov 16	Aberdeen	SYD	H		
Aug 31	Aberdeen	SYD	A	Nov 23	Stenhousemuir	SYD	A		
Sep 7	Stenhousemuir	SYD	H	Nov 30	Cowdenbeath	SYD	A		
Sep 14	Cowdenbeath	SYD	H	Dec 7	Dundee	SYD	H		
Sep 21	Dundee	SYD	A	Jan 11	Hearts	SYD	A		
Sep 28	Hearts	SYD	H	Jan 18	Kilmarnock	SYD	H		
Oct 5	Kilmarnock	SYD	A	Jan 25	Forfar	SYD	A		
Oct 12	Forfar	SYD	H	Feb 1	Rangers	SYD	H		
Oct 19	Rangers	SYD	A	Feb 8	Dunfermline	SYD	A		
Oct 26	Dunfermline	SYD	H						

★ All Scottish Youth Division matches to be played in the week commencing the above dates.

Key:

SYD - Scottish Youth Division;

SIYT - Sunderland International Youth Tournament;

H - Home;

A - Away;

N - Neutral.

Fans given free game

It has been confirmed that the additional season book match to be nominated by the club will be the next round of the UEFA Cup – assuming this is applicable.

The voucher required for the home match which should be played on either August 12 or 26 will be ORANGE 34.

● St Johnstone have informed us that we will receive around 5300 tickets for the match at McDiarmid Park priced £14.

The closing date for applications is Friday, August 8, with vouchers 65 and 66 required.

Celtic v Rangers September 1 1997/ January 2 1998

We are now accepting applications from special season book holders. Vouchers GREEN 19 and 20 are required.

The closing date for applications is Friday August 15.

If paying by cheque, please leave the cheque open to give yourself a wider range of price options. Cheques must have guarantee card and name and address of account holder on reserve. Alternatively credit/debit card details may be submitted. Any special plus season book holders will have their ticket forwarded.

● We have asked Berwick/Brechin to reconsider their no concession policy for our Coca Cola Cup match on August 9 at Tynecastle and are currently awaiting a response. Tickets will be on sale from the Celtic Park ticket office from Wednesday, July 30, priced £12.50.

Club will let in book holders for UEFA tie

Celtic v Dunfermline August 16

Tickets will be available to waiting list members from Wednesday, July 30.

Any remaining tickets will be available for Public sale from Monday, August 4. Prices £13-£19, £9 concession In selected areas of the stadium.

● Please note concession prices are not available in any of the upper areas of the stadium.

SEASON BOOK VOUCHER NUMBERS

PREMIER DIVISION

DATE	OPPOSITION	CLOSING DATE	GREEN VOUCHER
3 Aug 97/26 Feb 98	St Johnstone	8 Aug 97	65/66
13 Sep 97/27 Dec 98	Motherwell	29 Aug 97	67/68
27 Sep 97/17 Jan 98	Dunfermline	12 Sep 97	69/70
18 Oct 97/7 Feb 98	Hearts	2 Oct 97	71/72
1 Nov 97/2 May 98	Dunfermline	17 Oct 97	73/74
8 Nov 97/12 Apr 98	Rangers	24 Oct 97	75/76
29 Nov 97/21 Feb 98	Aberdeen	14 Nov 97	77/78
6 Dec 97/4 Apr 98	Kilmarnock	21 Nov 97	79/80

COCA-COLA CUP

DATE	OPPOSITION	CLOSING DATE	WHITE VOUCHER
20 Aug 97	Round three	6 Aug 97	22
10 Sep 97	Quarter-final	27 Aug 97	23
15 Oct 97	Semi-final	1 Oct 97	24
30 Nov 97	Final	14 Nov 97	25

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP

DATE	OPPOSITION	CLOSING DATE	PURPLE VOUCHER
24 Jan 98	Round three	9 Jan 98	26
14 Feb 98	Round four	30 Jan 98	27
7 Mar 98	Quarter-final	20 Feb 98	28
4 Apr 98	Semi-final	20 Mar 98	29
16 May 98	Final	1 May 98	30

SHOULD REPLAYS BE REQUIRED, VOUCHERS 31 AND 32 WILL BE USED RESPECTIVELY.

● Any waiting list members who have yet to be contacted regarding season book availability please contact the ticket office ASAP if you still wish to purchase a seat for this season.

● All ticket office bookings and enquiries must be made by phoning:
0141-551 8653

PUBLIC TICKET SALE DATES

DATE	OPPOSITION	WAITING LIST SALE	PUBLIC SALE
16 August 97	DUNFERMLINE	Wednesday, 30 July 97	Monday, 4 August 97
20 September 97	ABERDEEN	Wednesday, 3 September 97	Monday, 8 September 97
4 October 97	KILMARNOCK	Wednesday, 17 September 97	Monday, 22 September 97
25 October 97	ST JOHNSTONE	Wednesday, 8 October 97	Monday, 13 October 97
15 November 97	MOTHERWELL	Wednesday, 29 October 97	Monday, 3 November 97
22 November 97	DUNDEE UNITED	Wednesday, 5 November 97	Monday, 10 November 97
13 December 97	HEARTS	Wednesday, 26 November 97	Monday, 1 December 97
20 December 97	HIBERNIAN	Wednesday, 3 December 97	Monday, 8 December 97
31 January 98	ABERDEEN	Wednesday, 14 January 98	Monday, 19 January 98
21 February 98	KILMARNOCK	Wednesday, 4 February 98	Monday, 9 February 98
25 February 98	DUNFERMLINE	Wednesday, 4 February 98	Monday, 9 February 98
14 March 98	DUNDEE UNITED	Wednesday, 25 February 98	Monday, 2 March 98
28 March 98	HEARTS	Wednesday, 12 March 98	Monday, 17 March 98
18 April 98	MOTHERWELL	Wednesday, 1 April 98	Monday, 6 April 98
25 April 98	HIBERNIAN	Wednesday, 8 April 98	Monday, 13 April 98
9 May 98	ST JOHNSTONE	Wednesday, 22 April 98	Monday, 27 April 98

The ultimate penalty pa

There can be no more dramatic scene in a football match than a penalty kick.

It is man against man, the ball is 12 yards from the goal, the goalkeeper is not allowed to move off his line and something memorable must happen.

Either a goal will be scored or the keeper will make a save or the luckless taker of the kick will put it over the bar or past the post, and will be pilloried for the rest of his life.

A recent article in a football



Penalties come under a spot-kick spotlight as we continue our **DAVID W POTTER series covering dramatic and sometimes sense-defying moments in Celtic's history.**

Often they have made for mental torture, but on

a number of occasions they have made for elation.

Perhaps perversity causes us to remember the worst - on this European night a certain Dixie Deans and a place in the 1972 Champions' Cup final springing to mind.

magazine came up with a figure of 82 per cent success rate.

Celtic's penalty kick history has brought its fair share of glory and misery. Tommy Gemmell, pictured left, of Lisbon Lions fame, a man who apparently was not in any way bothered by "nerves" used to give the ball what he called "a terrible dunt", so that even if the goalkeeper did get in the way of it, he wouldn't be able to stop it.

The same Tommy, mind you, did have quite a few penalty kick horrors as well.

The League Cup final of 1965 was the day that Celtic "arrived" as far as Rangers were considered.

Things might have been much different in history if John Hughes had not netted two penalty kicks.

Prior to this game, Celtic had displayed a supine slave mentality against Rangers, and one often wonders if the glory days of Lisbon and elsewhere would have been quite so glorious if Yogi had missed those penalties.

On at least two occasions in Scottish Cup history, Celtic have been indebted to a cool head to take a penalty kick. In 1907, a penalty kick was awarded early in the second half.

Hearts protested strongly and loudly and the game was held up for several minutes.

Willie Orr stood calmly over the ball on the penalty spot, and then once it had all died down, slotted it away to put Celtic on their way to a 3-0 victory.

Exactly 70 years later, we had a similar situation. This time it was Rangers who were the aggrieved party as a ball was

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A STATE OF SHOCK...
Roberto Baggio turns away in horror as his penalty miss hands Brazil the World Cup in the US in 1994

stopped on the line by a defender's hand (the Celtic version) or his knee (the Rangers version).

On the far terracing from over 200 yards away, we were convinced that referee Mr Valentine (not always our favourite) got it right. The taker this time was Andy Lynch.

Andy had never apparently scored a penalty before, and a few weeks previously in a game against Motherwell, he had earned a certain notoriety by scoring two own goals.

He had to put up with jokes about only the final whistle depriving him of his hat-trick that night, but on this day in the Hampden rain, he earned his moment of Celtic glory.

There is nothing in the laws to prevent a goalkeeper taking a penalty, and this has happened

on at least two occasions at Celtic Park.

One was on October 26 1963 when Celtic were 9-0 up over the luckless Airdrie.

A somewhat superfluous penalty kick was awarded to Celtic, and in response to the chants of the crowd, Frank Haffey was invited to take the kick.

Alas! Frank failed to make the score double figures, for Roddy McKenzie – who would subsequently be capped for Northern Ireland and who had been outstanding that day despite the scoreline – saved his effort.

Frank, in appreciation of a fellow professional stood and clapped before realising that he would have to charge back up the field to protect his own goal.

On March 26 1977, the

goalkeeper v goalkeeper confrontation was at a more serious stage of the game.

Celtic topped the Premier Division but were being hard pressed by Rangers, Aberdeen and that day's visitors Dundee United. Roy Baines was in the goal, his debut game, for Peter Latchford was injured. Baines had played for many clubs and his signing for Celtic had raised a few eyebrows, but he did his bit for Celtic that day.

It was early in the first half with the score at 0-0, and the penalty was taken by Dundee United's Hamish McAlpine.

This time Roy guessed right, and Celtic went on to win 2-0, a major step towards the 1977 Premier Division.

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waters (for Celtic) of the penalty shoot-out. This method of deciding a cup-tie when all else has failed has its critics, but no-one can deny that it is a very dramatic way of deciding the issue.

Those of us whose wives, mothers, grannies and girlfriends profess a tremendous hatred of football and all its works, will nevertheless find that the same ladies become involved in a televised penalty shoot-out.

Sometimes the World Cup game has been so devoid of interest and excitement, and the shoot-out so tense, that it is hard to argue against the contention that they should have just had the penalties in the first place.

Who can forget the dramatic shoot-out at the end of the 1994 World Cup final between Brazil and Italy. Roberto Baggio's miss causing him – and his country – the ultimate penalty pain.

But the agony of losing a penalty shoot-out is intense. We can recall at least three occasions when losing a penalty shoot out has brought great trauma.

In 1972, the club was deprived of a deserved place in a European Cup final when the luckless Dixie Deans put a penalty over the bar against Inter Milan.

The 1990 Scottish Cup final against Aberdeen was lost by the incredible score of 9-8 on penalties. And then more recently there was the 1994 Coca Cola Cup final against Raith Rovers when it was the lot of Paul McStay, by some distance the most talented Scottish player for over a decade, to see Scott Thomson guess correctly.

Ironically, on each of these three occasions, Celtic were the better team!



PENALTY PAIN...
Paul McStay is comforted by team-mates Andy Walker and Tony Mowbray after the Celtic skipper missed the penalty that handed Raith the Coca-Cola cup

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