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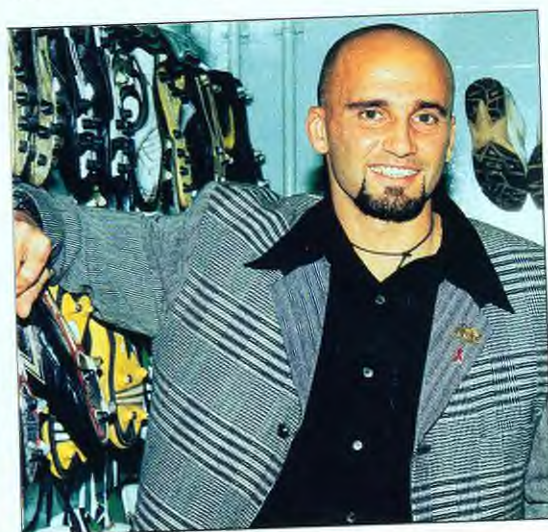


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Cheer us to the **double!**

FIRST of all I'd like to welcome Rangers to Celtic Park once again for the second important Old Firm match at our home inside a fortnight.

We were delighted to win the first game, in the Scottish Cup, and obviously everyone at the club wants to follow that up with another victory this afternoon.

It has been a busy week as far as the championship race has been concerned and a win tonight would take us within two points of Rangers.

I was bitterly disappointed with the result and our performance on Tuesday night when we went down 2-0 to my old club Kilmarnock knowing we had to win.

The game sandwiched last week's Old Firm match and today's and was always going to be just as important as those two.

However, somewhere along the line my players seemed to forget that. It was a desperately disappointing result, especially for the fans.

They were all up for it and gave us every encouragement at Rugby Park but there was no response to the supporters at all, and that disappointed me.

Rangers losing to Dundee United on Wednesday night has made the situation a little bit better for us but if we had won that night we would have been in an

even stronger position.

Indeed if we had won, another victory tonight would have put us top of the table.

However, we can't dwell on what might have been. We have to move forward and this is the perfect game for us to bounce back.

However, I am well aware of the fact that Rangers will be well up for this challenge after losing to us in the Scottish Cup, but we want to make it two wins in a row.

Everyone felt wonderful after the cup win, and we all want to have that feeling again at the end of this afternoon's match.

We have to go out there and produce the same sort of display this afternoon as did in the last Old Firm game - and all the players know that.

Celtic Park is an intimidating place when it is full of cheering and singing Celtic supporters, and I want the atmosphere to be as intense today as it has been in all of our big games so far this season.

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THIS AFTERNOON'S VISITORS RANGERS WILL BE DESPERATE TO AVENGE TWO STINGING DEFEATS IN THE LAST FORTNIGHT.

BUT ARGUES ANDREW SMITH, THE CHAMPIONS HAVE PROVED THEY'RE AT THEIR BEST WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN.

RANGERS will come to Celtic Park this afternoon bears with sore heads.

These are strange and undoubtedly testing times for the Ibrox outfit who have been through such before...and invariably come out smiling.

Walter Smith's men have failed to secure a victory in their past three domestic matches - almost unheard of in recent years at a club that has claimed the last eight league titles and enjoyed regular success in the country's cup competitions.

However, their championship run has been built on their ability to work through whatever adversities they've been hit with and that makes them at their most dangerous this afternoon.

Rangers problems, though are the sort that any other team in Scotland would kill to have to cope with. Because for all the talk of the Ibrox club's poor form they go into today's Old Firm match with a five point lead over Celtic that has puts them in the driving seat in the title run-in.

That said though, there is no doubt that the last month has been a struggle for the Smith's side who have been badly affected by the loss of **PAUL GASCOIGNE** and **RICHARD GOUGH**, the inspiration captain expect to recover from the knock that kept him out the last time the Glasgow sides met.

This, of course, was the Scottish Cup quarter-final that brought that rarest of things - a win for Celts in derby encounter.

Celts wary of bears with sore heads



The Rangers team group pictured before a European clash

The 2-0 triumph Tommy Burns' men achieved in an emotional evening at Celtic Park a week past on Thursday marked the first reverse suffered by Rangers in an Old Firm clash in nine derby meetings - a period stretching back 22 months.

Dundee United piled on the misery for them by winning by the same margin at Ibrox on Wednesday and this loss meant that Smith's side have taken only one point from their past two league encounters with the 2-2 draw at Pittodrie a couple of weeks ago kicking off the three match hat-trick no-win sequence.

Good players do not become bad ones overnight, though, and despite the unavailability of **STUART McCALL**, **STEPHEN**

WRIGHT, **ERIK BO ANDERSEN**, **SEBASTIAN ROZENTAL**, **DEREK McINNES** and the aforementioned Gascoigne through injury, the side Rangers field tonight will be one that cost millions to assemble.

Their strength in depth is certainly being tested by their appalling luck on the fitness front but the fact they can still call on the likes of **BRIAN LAUDRUP**, **ANDY GORAM**, **JORG ALBERTZ**, **ALAN McLAREN**, **DAVIE ROBERTSON**, **JOACHIM BJORKLUND**, **ALLY McCOIST** and **PETER VAN VOSSEN** is testament to the power of their player pool.

It is this to which Smith will be looking to in order to reverse their recent fortunes and he is entitled to do so since it has worked for them so often in the past.

'These are testing times'

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NAME: Kristina Boyle
AGE: 8
FROM: Glasgow
GAME: Celtic v Rangers, Scottish Cup quarter-final, March 6, 1997

WHEN Kristina Boyle confidently predicted a 2-0 victory over our biggest rivals last week, she was elated to say the least when the referee blew the final whistle.

Maybe the fact that she was born in Celtic's centenary year of 1988 when the team won the double was a good omen...

Or perhaps she just sprinkled a little of her 'mascot luck' over the team when she led the Bhoys through the tunnel.

Either way, she is a lucky mascot we won't forget in a hurry!

Kristina said: "When I was watching the Hearts game, I said a secret prayer that maybe one day I would be chosen to be mascot. I had no idea

MEET THE MASCOT

I would be picked so quickly!

"Neither did my two big sisters who won't let me forget this in a hurry!"

Not that Kristina will give ANYONE the opportunity to let her big day slip from their minds - as the eight-year-old was presented with a video of the occasion!

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Let's close in on the title

MOST Celtic supporters were jumping through hoops when they heard that Dundee United had beaten Rangers at Ibrox last Wednesday evening.

But striker Jorge Cadete wasn't one of them – as the Portuguese hitman dwelt on what could have been, had he and his team-mates not slumped to a 2-0 defeat at Kilmarnock the night before.

Despite Rangers dropping three points, the gap at the top of the table remained at five. And Cadete is well aware that had Celtic done what was expected of them on Tuesday night at Rugby Park then a victory today would have taken them to the top of the table.

Cadete said: "After the Kilmarnock game I felt very bad, with the performance and the scoreline.

"And then after the Rangers and Dundee United game on Wednesday night I felt even worse, because I knew we had lost a great chance to close the gap even further.

"That result hit home to me just how bad our result at Kilmarnock really was.

"We could only be two points behind by the end of today, but we could have been one point ahead."

However, Cadete is desperate to put his disappointment behind him and secure a win over Rangers

today.

And he knows that while the odd bad result away from home can sometimes be excused throughout the course of a season, you have simply got to win every game on your own patch.

Cadete said: "Losing is always very bad, but if you have to lose a game it is better to do so away from home.

"There is no way we want to lose in front of the fantastic Celtic Park support. That's why today I hope all the players and the supporters join

together and give 100 per cent in the stands and on the pitch.

"If we win today and we close the gap and have a real chance of winning the title.

"Rangers still have to play Dundee United away and also have to play Hearts away and then Kilmarnock.

"So they don't have an easy run-in and one draw would change the whole complexion on things."

And after sampling his first Old Firm victory a week ago last Thursday, Cadete is desperate to sample that winning feeling again.

He said: "We hadn't beaten Rangers in nine game and that was far too many, so last Thursday we were delighted.

"I want that feeling again, and I do believe that, just as it is in Portugal, if you beat a team once, you know you can do it twice.

"I haven't scored in the last two games, and I would love to score today, and I hope my goals can help the team in this match and for the rest of the term."

Cadete has become a real fans' favourite with his amazing scoring rate, but he insists he feels no pressure from the adulation at all, and reckons Celtic is what counts, not managers or players.

He explained: "Celtic haven't won the league for eight years, so there is a lot of pressure, but I don't feel it.

"I am bound to be looked upon to score more goals because I play up front, but I don't find that a problem.

"Over the last few years, the team at Celtic has changed a great deal. Players come and players go, managers come and go as well, but Celtic are not dead.

"The club will always survive, and to play here you will always feel



Date and place of birth: 27.8.68 in Porto Amelia, Mozambique
Height: 5ft 9ins **Weight:** 11st 11lbs

CADETE'S FIRSTS

1

FIRST SENIOR CLUB: Sporting Lisbon

2

FIRST DAY AS A CELT: Registration cleared on March 30, 1996

3

FIRST GAME FOR CELTIC: April 1, 1996 v Aberdeen in Premier 5-0 win at Celtic Park

4

FIRST GOAL FOR CELTIC: Came off the bench in the above game and netted the fifth of Celtic's goals

5

FIRST CAP: For Portugal in a 1-1 friendly draw with Germany in Lisbon on August 29, 1990

Omens looks good for final furlong

★ IN the last Old Firm league meeting at Ibrox, Paolo Di Canio became the 51st player to score for Celtic against Rangers in the Premier Division.

★ IN THE same match Danish striker Erik Bo Andersen became the 45th player to score for Rangers against Celtic in the Premier Division.

★ RANGERS are currently unbeaten in their last seven league matches against Celtic – still two short of their league run between 1988 and 1991.

★ RANGERS have had three clean sheets in their last three league visits to Celtic Park. They have achieved this twice before between 1955/56 and 1957/58 and 1916/17 and 1918/19. Never before have they had four clean sheets in a row at Celtic Park in the league.

★ RANGERS haven't always enjoyed such good times. In the first 29 Premier Division matches at Celtic Park they had just two clean sheets.

★ IN the first 27 Premier Division meetings at Celtic Park, Rangers won just one. Since then they have won 10 of the next 16 – including two games at Hampden.

★ CELTIC currently enjoy a good

★ After last Thursday's 2-0 cup win over Rangers, Celtic will be buzzing with confidence for today's fixture. DAVID McDONALD looks at the stats.

record in the final Old Firm league meeting of the season. Over the last 12 seasons they have won six, drawn four and lost just two. In fact the last time Rangers won the final league meeting was in season 1989/90.

★ NEITHER team has ever won all four Old Firm league matches in a season before. In fact Celtic have never lost all four league matches in a season against ANY team.

★ THE only previous season when one of the Old Firm won the first three matches between the sides, was 1983/84. Celtic won the first three meetings but Bobby Williamson scored the only goal for Rangers in the fourth. Peter Grant made his Celtic debut in that game.

★ THE last hat-trick scored in an Old Firm league match was netted by Stevie Chalmers on January 3, 1966. Rangers led 1-0 at half-time but were totally overrun in the second half as Celtic won 5-1.



DERBY DEBUT... Peter Grant

LAST TOP TEN LEAGUE WINS OVER RANGERS (All stats relate to Celtic)

CELTIC have yet to record a league victory over Rangers this term, and to check out the last 10 wins over the men from Ibrox you have to go back to 1987 – let's hope that's not the case after today's encounter.

May 7, 1995 Celtic 3 Rangers 0*
August 27, 1994 Rangers 0 Celtic 2
October 0, 1993 Rangers 1 Celtic 2
March 20, 1993 Celtic 2 Rangers 1
March 21, 1992 Rangers 0 Celtic 2
March 24, 1991 Celtic 3 Rangers 0

November, 12 1988 Celtic 3 Rangers 1
March 20, 1988 Rangers 1 Celtic 2
January 2, 1988 Celtic 2 Rangers 0
August 29, 1987 Celtic 1 Rangers 0

* Played at Hampden Park.



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FIRST TEAM STATS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			LEAGUE CUP			EUROPE			SCOT CUP			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
TOM BOYD	25	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	-	35	-	-
JACKIE McNAMARA	25	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	34	-	-
JORGE CADETE	23	1	3	5	4	1	3	3	3	3	3	28	28	1	1
PAOLO DI CANIO	21	1	10	2	-	-	2	1	4	1	29	2	12	16	16
PIERRE VAN H'DONK*	19	2	14	3	1	2	2	2	2	1	26	4	16	16	16
PETER GRANT	17	2	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	26	2	-
TOSH McKNILAY	17	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	25	3	-
STEWART KERR	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	25	1	-
ANDREAS THOM	15	3	6	3	2	4	-	1	2	-	23	5	8	8	8
BRIAN O'NEIL	15	1	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	19	1	2	2	2
ALAN STUBBS	17	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	21	-	-
MALKY MACKAY	14	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	4	2	20	3	3	3	3
PHIL O'DONNELL	15	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	2	20	3	3	3
SIMON DONNELLY	15	8	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	18	11	3	3	3
PAUL McSTAY	11	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	17	1	1
GORDON MARSHALL	8	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-
MORTEN WIEGHORST	11	5	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	-	14	9	2	2	2
DAVID HANNAH	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	11	4	4
JOHN HUGHES*	5	1	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	10	1	1
BRIAN McLAUGHLIN	6	9	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	8	13	1	1	1
STUART GRAY	5	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-
CHRIS HAY	3	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	8	3	3	3
ENRICO ANTONI	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
MARC ANTHONY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JOHN PAUL McBRIDE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BARRY ELLIOT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

*No longer at club

RESERVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			LEAGUE CUP			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
KELLY	16	3	1	2	1	-	18	3	1
LITTLE	15	2	-	1	-	-	16	3	-
G MORRISON	15	1	-	1	-	-	16	1	-
BOYLE*	15	-	-	1	-	-	16	-	-
MacDONALD	13	-	-	1	-	-	14	-	-
CROSSLEY	11	2	1	1	1	-	12	3	1
GRAY	11	-	-	1	-	-	12	-	-
ANTHONY	10	-	-	1	-	-	11	-	-
McBRIDE	9	6	2	1	-	-	10	6	2
MIDLOTHIAN	9	3	5	1	-	-	10	3	5
MAGRY	9	1	1	-	-	-	9	1	1
McLAUGHLIN	9	1	1	2	1	-	9	4	3
O'BRIEN	7	4	3	1	-	-	8	4	3
McCONDICHIE	8	-	-	3	7	-	11	-	-
HAY	5	-	-	2	-	-	7	-	-
MARSHALL	6	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	-
KERR	4	1	2	1	1	-	6	2	2
POTTER	5	3	3	1	1	-	6	4	4
DONNELLY	3	3	-	1	1	-	4	4	-
BORLAND	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-
McSTAY	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-
O'DONNELL	3	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-
O'NEIL	3	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	-
QUEEN	2	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
HUGHES*	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
McKINLAY	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
STUBBS	2	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-
WIEGHORST	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
McGUNNESS	1	4	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
FITZPATRICK	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	3	3
DUGGAN	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
BONNER	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
COUGHLIN	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
McGRATH	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
THOM	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
trialists	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-

*No longer at club

YOUTH STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
POTTER	12	1	-	3	-	-	15	1	-
McGUNNESS	11	2	2	3	-	-	14	2	2
CROSSLEY	12	1	4	2	-	-	14	1	4
McBRIDE	12	-	10	2	1	-	14	1	10
QUEEN	8	2	5	3	-	-	11	2	7
McKEOWN	8	2	-	3	-	-	11	-	-
DUGGAN	9	-	-	2	-	-	11	-	-
ELLIOT	8	-	5	3	-	-	11	-	-
BORLAND	7	1	-	2	-	-	9	1	-
DOW	6	4	4	2	1	-	8	5	4
DAVIS	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
VAUGH	5	1	4	2	-	-	7	1	5
GALLACHER	3	-	-	3	-	-	6	-	-
FITZPATRICK	5	5	6	1	2	-	6	7	6
COCOZZA	5	-	-	1	1	-	6	1	-
CULKIN	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
McGRATH	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
SMITH	4	3	1	-	-	-	4	3	1
GILLIGAN	4	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-
JOYCE	3	7	1	-	2	-	3	9	1
McCONDICHIE	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
BURCHILL	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
McCOLLIGAN	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-
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CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CELTYC	29	21	5	3	71	26	68
Rangers	28	20	3	6	66	27	63
Dundee United	29	15	7	7	41	24	51
Heart of Midlothian	29	11	8	10	40	39	41
Aberdeen	29	9	10	10	60	59	37
Dunfermline Athletic	29	10	5	14	42	54	35
Motherwell	29	7	8	14	34	50	29
Hibernian	29	7	8	14	29	47	29
Kilmarnock	28	8	3	17	33	53	26
Raith Rovers	28	5	5	18	24	54	20

PREMIER RESERVE DIVISION

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heart of Midlothian	21	15	5	1	43	13	50
Dunfermline Athletic	22	11	4	6	48	34	37
Aberdeen	21	10	3	9	49	38	33
Rangers	19	8	4	7	30	26	28
Kilmarnock	17	7	5	5	27	24	26
Dundee United	19	7	3	9	26	33	24
CELTYC	20	6	5	9	27	35	23
Hibernian	18	5	5	8	25	35	20
Motherwell	21	5	5	11	17	36	20
Raith Rovers	20	4	3	13	21	39	15

SCOTTISH YOUTH DIVISION

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CELTYC	13	10	1	2	43	11	31
Rangers	11	9	1	1	35	9	28
Dundee United	9	6	1	2	21	10	19
Aberdeen	11	5	0	6	13	16	15
Kilmarnock	12	4	1	7	18	28	13
Heart of Midlothian	13	4	0	9	14	25	12
Dundee	10	3	2	5	10	13	11
Cowdenbeath	11	1	2	8	6	39	5



PHIL O'DONNELL

The player summed up a great Celt

BERNARD BATTLES certainly was a grand old Celt.

Even his name has a ring to it, as do the teams he played in, for the man nicknamed Barney was one of the men who made Celtic great in their early days.

His early death, a matter of days after his 30th birthday, helped make him into one of the legends of the game.

He must not of course be confused with his son Barney Battles junior who became a Hearts legend.

Although he was born in Glasgow, his family moved east and thus it was from teams like Linlithgow and Bathgate that he learned the early tricks of the trade.

He was signed by Hearts in 1894 and played one

BY DAVID W POTTER

season for them, helping them to win their first ever League title before Celtic bought him in the summer of 1895.

The year had been a bad one for Celtic, and clearly changes were needed.

There's no doubting that Battles was a tremendous asset, not least because of his very versatility in that he could play anywhere in the defence.

He was not the fastest of players, nor was he the slimmest, but in these early days of professional football, that perhaps did not matter as much as it does now.

He was committed, hard working with fine anticipation, a big and

BARNEY BATTLES played for five clubs in the east before heading back to his native Glasgow where the Springburn-born defender signed for Celtic.

And it was in the east-end of Glasgow where he made his name, going on to play 136 games for Celtic, scoring six goals in the process.

He proved to be a colourful personality in Celtic's history and today **DAVID W POTTER** gives an insight into one of the Celtic greats.

bustling defender with a "no road this way" approach to the opposition.

He very soon earned the nickname "Gentle Barney" but the name was applied to him in fun, for there were times when he appeared anything but gentle.

Clearly such robust defending was what was required by the club, for Celtic won the Scottish League very comfortably, and only went out of the Scottish Cup to Queen's Park because Battles was not playing.

The presence of Dan Doyle at left-back from September onwards had

pushed Barney forward to left-half, and this was clearly a success, for Barney was also a great passer of the ball.

However, trouble came Barney's way in the following season of 1896/97. He and two others refused to play a game against Hibernian because the club would not remove a journalist from the Press Box - the hack had criticised Celtic's rough play in a previous game.

Barney's 'strike' had the effect of seeing him suspended for the Scottish Cup tie at



whose name



Barney Battles and his hooped team-mates pose with one of their trophies

Arthurlie (which they lost) and also accelerated his departure to Dundee at the end of the season.

He played well for Dundee, then moved to Liverpool, making noises all the time that a move back to Celtic Park would suit him.

It needed a drastic form slump in October 1898 however before Maley, recently appointed as Secretary/Manager of the club, swallowed his pride and invited back

the mighty man.

It was too late to win the league that season, but the Scottish Cup was held aloft in a 2-0 win over Rangers with Battles outstanding at right half.

Next season he was at left-back in the famous hurricane Cup Final of 1900 when Dan McArthur, David Storrier and Battles defied both the wind and the Queen's Park forwards to win the Scottish Cup for the third time.

Such heroics did

eventually attract the attention of the Scottish selectors, and in season 1900/01, he played in all three Scottish international matches against the home countries.

However, that year also saw a Cup Final defeat at the hands of Hearts and the following year another one against Hibs.

The problem was that Barney was now just a little too slow, and kept falling foul of referees. Yet he kept plugging away

in a Celtic side that was rebuilding until the summer of 1904 when he had clearly lost his Celtic place to Willie Orr, and he was transferred to Kilmarnock.

He did not play for Killie for long, for he fell ill with influenza. For a heavy man like Barney, this was serious when it developed into pneumonia and attacked his lungs.

He died, to the distress of football players everywhere, on February 9, 1905. His wife was pregnant at the time. The baby would be Barney Battles junior.

Barney battled for the cause

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MOST supporters know all there is to know about the first-team players at Celtic, but what about those at reserve and youth levels? Read on to find out all about promising young defender Tim McGrath.

TIM McGRATH



Name: Tim McGrath
Date of Birth: 16.8.79
Height: 6ft 1in
Weight: 12st 7lbs
Signed: From Celtic Boys Club August 1995
Position: Defender
Car: None
Lives: Digs in Motherwell, but hometown is Wexford

FAVOURITES...

Hobby: Snooker
Film: That Thing You Do
Band: The Monkees
Record: I'm A Believer by The Monkees
Colour: Green
Food: Lasagne
Celebrity: Del Boy
Best pal in football: Brian Scott
Best pal outside football: Brian Scott

MY FIRST...

Team: Wexford Albion
Senior club: Celtic
Big match: Republic of Ireland v England at under-15 level played at Tolka Park, Dublin
Injury: Hernia
Nickname: Horse

FOOTBALL MEMORIES...

Happiest memory: Signing for Celtic
Worst memory: Any injury
Most memorable game watched: The famous 3-3 draw between Liverpool and Manchester United
Favourite all-time Celtic player: Gerry Lyttle!
Favourite all-time player: Tom McAdam
Most embarrassing moment in the game: Getting 'megged' by Willie McStay in training

THE second string slumped to an embarrassing defeat last Monday when Raith Rovers beat them 3-0 at Glenrothes.

It just wasn't their day as they paid the price in defence for mistakes which would normally be considered as a one-off.

This time however they ran out of luck as THREE defensive errors in the one match allowed Raith to build up an unassailable lead.

They visit Fife again tomorrow (Monday) when the travel to take on Dunfermline at East End Park.

THE youth side began their Glasgow Cup campaign this morning by kicking off against Partick Thistle at Petershill Park.

If they can take their league form into the cup then Willie McStay's youngsters have every chance of lifting the trophy.

Their fighting qualities came to the fore in their last league game when Kilmarnock seemed to have the game well in hand.

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But, it's not the only prize on offer, as we also have £50 of vouchers to give away courtesy of our sponsors Sports Connection.

To be in with a shout of winning simply tell us who scored our first goal when we put Rangers out of the cup in the last round?

If a clue is required then

we can tell you that the goal was scored by a defender whose previous club was Queens Park.

As always, a winner for each of these two prizes will be selected at random from all of the correct entries.

Once you have the answer call the QUIZZINE on **0891 70 70 72** and follow the instructions.

This page, in conjunction with the QUIZZINE welcomes your comments on any Celtic matter and there's no prizes for guessing what the three this week are all about.

First on-line was **Eddie McNab** from Holytown who said: "Now that this so

called 'hoodoo' over beating Rangers is gone, what will the press create next in an attempt to derail our campaign?"

"We've beaten them last week and our confidence is high to do it again and again. Don't give up hope Celtic, it's well within our reach," said **Pat Howard** from Carlisle and **John McGuigan** from Glasgow concurs.

He said: "The performance against Rangers was first class and I'm sure that things are on the up for the run-in."

● Due to publishing deadlines we are unable to name this afternoon's winners.



Di Canio knocks in the second, but who scored the first?

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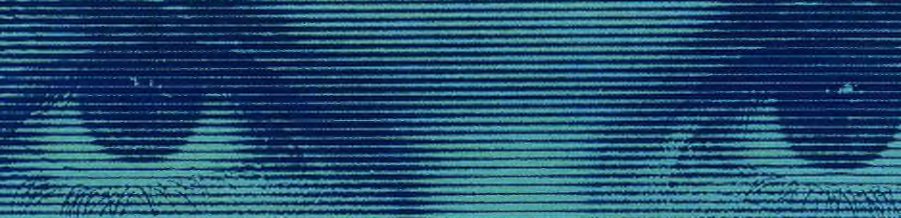
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SPOTLIGHT

What was big Malky's job before footie?



Malky Mackay... question one

- 1 What was Malky Mackay's profession before becoming a professional footballer?
- 2 Rangers' latest signing, goalie Andy Dibble, was snapped up on loan from which club?
- 3 And which other Scottish club has Dibble played for?
- 4 Two teams put five goals past Rangers in the eighties, name them.
- 5 Who knocked seven goals past Swindon Town last week?
- 6 How many goals did Alan Stubbs net in his 202 games for Bolton?
- 7 Who was the last Scottish side to go 2-0 down at Ibrox but win 3-2?
- 8 Which English League club has the shortest name?
- 9 Name the four semi-finalists in the English FA Cup.
- 10 Who is the last player to score a hat-trick in an Old Firm game?
- 11 True or false: Malky Mackay was the first Scots born player to score in an Old Firm match this season?
- 12 Which member of Liverpool's double winning squad was loaned to Rangers in 1988?
- 13 Pierre van Hooijdonk became Nottingham Forest's most expensive signing last week - but who was it before that?
- 14 Before Pierre who was Celtic's record transfer to another club?
- 15 And which club did Pierre make his English Premiership debut against?
- 16 Which club did Roy Aitken join when he left Celtic?
- 17 Who was Lou Macari's last signing as Celtic manager?
- 18 Against which side did Sebastian Rozental score his only goal for Rangers?
- 19 Who did Rangers beat 5-4 in a Skol Cup penalty shoot-out in 1986?
- 20 Which Rangers player scored after only 11 seconds of play in April 1995?

ANSWERS

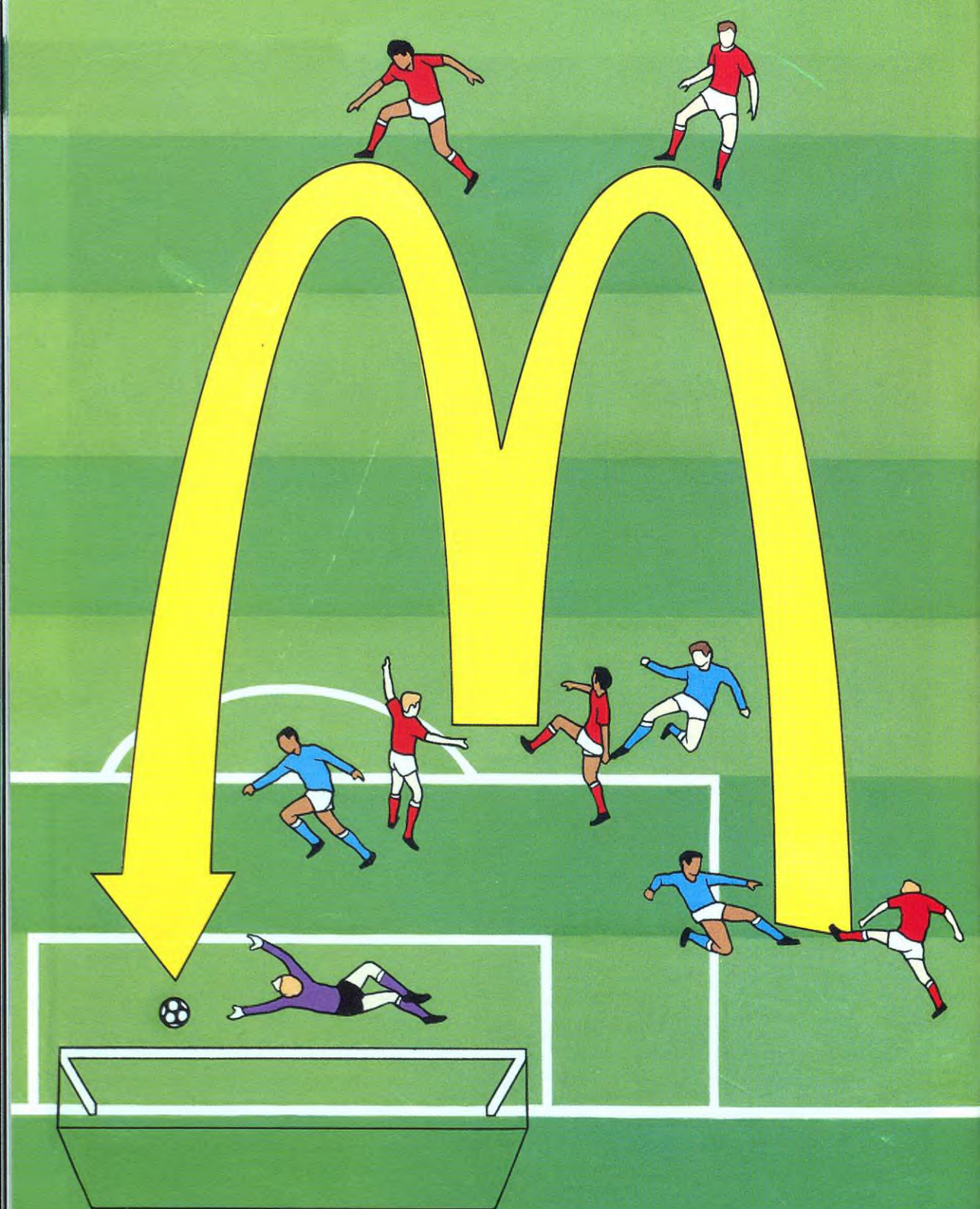
1. Bank Clerk
2. Manchester City
3. He played five games on loan to Aberdeen
4. Cologne and Sweden
5. Bolton Wanderers
6. Nine
7. Dundee United in August 1986
8. Bury
9. Wimbeldon, Chesterfield, Middlesbrough and Chelsea
10. Newcastle United
11. Andy Walker
12. St Johnstone
13. East Fife
14. Gordon Durie
15. Ally McCoist
16. True, The only other Scottish scorer, Richard Gough, was born in Aberdeen
17. Cologne and Aberdeen
18. Kevin MacDonald
19. Bryan Roy
20. Paul Elliott
21. Blackburn Rovers
22. Newcastle United
23. Wimbeldon, Chesterfield, Middlesbrough and Chelsea
24. Dundee United in August 1986
25. Bury
26. Wimbeldon, Chesterfield, Middlesbrough and Chelsea
27. St Johnstone
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THE big two-o and not the big eight-o was the makings of a special day in the life of John McHugh.

The ex-miner from Airdrie celebrated his 80th birthday a week past on Thursday – but he will remember the occasion with relish for what happened on the football field as much as the family front.

John has held a season book at Celtic Park for over a decade and is now in the business class – but he couldn't handle the excitement of the Old Firm quarter-final last week.

So he sat at home, hoping and praying for the result that would make for the perfect end to a great day.

And a phone call from his son James at 9.30pm on March 6 made sure of that as he was told in detail of how Tommy Burns' men bust their derby hoodoo with a superb 2-0 win.

John said: "I was there in spirit but couldn't face listening to it on the radio, so I just waited by the phone and was delighted when my son phoned me.

"It was the best birthday present ever and even after all these years Celtic still means as much

My perfect birthday

Name: John McHugh

Age: 80

Occupation: Retired miner

Resides: Airdrie

Favourite current Celt: Paolo Di Canio

Player regret not seeing: John Thomson – I only watched him a couple of times

Best Celtic XI: Thomson; McGrain, Murdoch, McNeill, McDonald, Gemmill; Johnstone, Dalglish, Tully, Lennox; McGroarty, Subs: Simpson, Delaney, Wallace.

Best goal seen: A bullet header from Jimmy McGroarty that helped him to a hat-trick in a 5-3 win over Aberdeen in December 1935 at Celtic Park.

Favourite other team: Manchester United

Favourite non-footballing sportsperson: Barry McGuigan

Favourite player not with Celtic: Jimmy Johnstone!

Who would you buy for Celtic: Robbie Fowler

to me. Along with my family the club is my life."

And not just his personal life. For John's involvement with the club was no less than a professional one in the early 1940s.

He explained: "I used to play in goal as well as working down the pit and signed for Celtic in 1942. I was there for two years but sadly didn't manage a first team appearance.

"Willie Miller was first choice and when Rolando Ugolini joined that was the end of me. It was a thrill to be a Celt though and I turned out in plenty of reserve games."

In those days, players didn't enjoy the cushy lifestyle that is standard in the modern game.

The need to earn a crust outwith kicking a leather bag around a field eventually put paid to John's career... but not his devotion to Celts.

He said: "I worked down the pit six days a week and

on leaving Celtic I had trials for Falkirk. But I didn't last too long there because they wouldn't make up my wages for having to miss a Saturday shift for playing for them.

"I've always been happy going to watch Celtic and used to run from the city centre to the stadium and then run to Shettleston to get a bus straight to the pit in Airdrie to do a shift – packing into three hours what I should have been doing in seven!"

No fewer than 12 members of the McHugh family are season book holders and shareholders and each of them shares his passion for the boys in green and white.

And John is hoping his grandson James has a birthday treat to match his own.

He said: "Mark will be 24-years-old today and I hope he gets what I got as a present – a win over Rangers!"

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