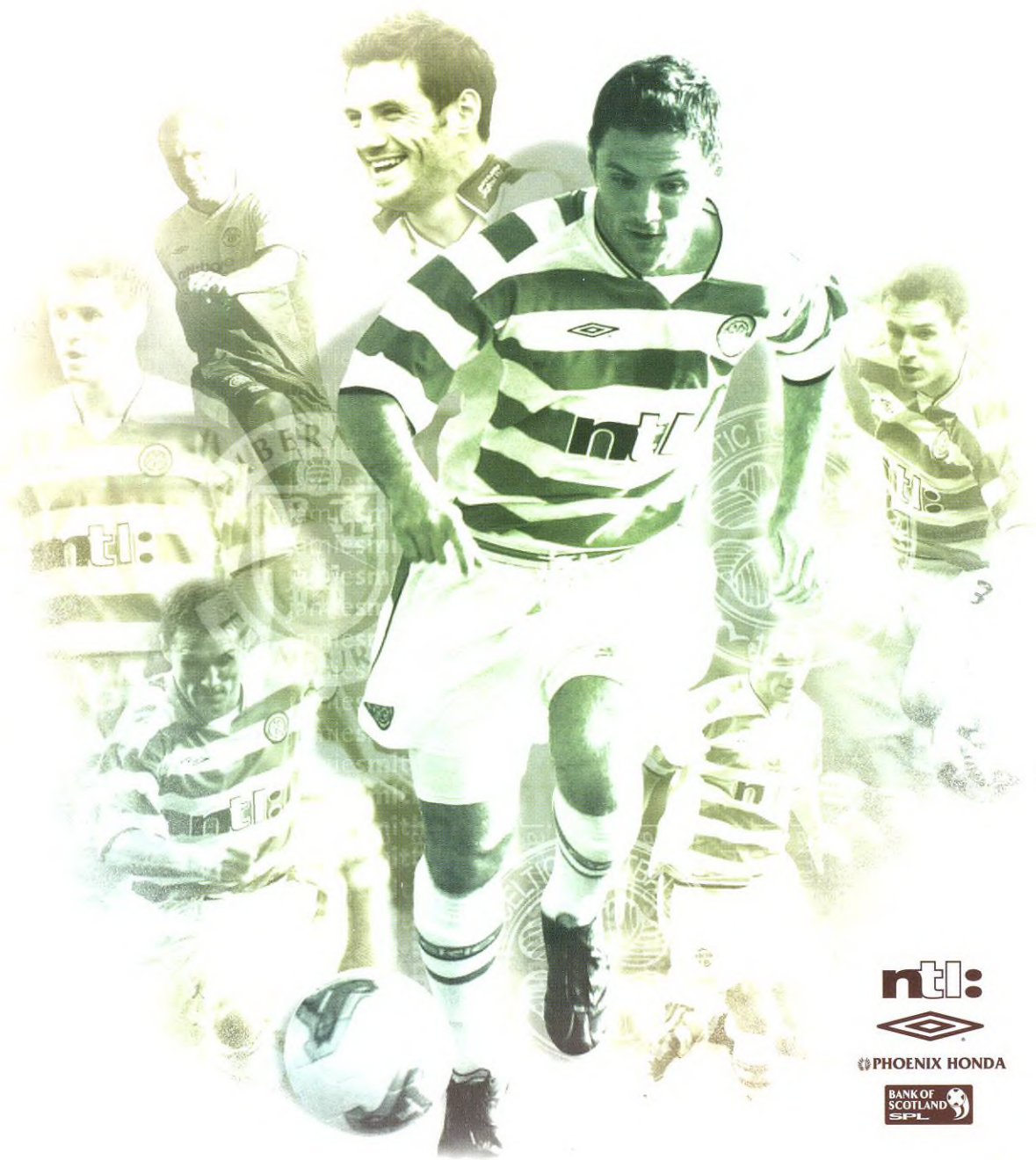


# Celtic

v HIBERNIAN

Scottish Premier League  
Sunday 2nd March 2003 k.o. 3.00pm



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“Stuttgart was all the more satisfying because we were able to celebrate it along with many thousands of Celtic supporters.”

**IT WAS a wonderful night on Thursday in Stuttgart if you belonged to Celtic.**

When the referee blew the final whistle to end a rather nervous last 10 minutes for us, we had progressed into the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup.

And over the two legs there is absolutely no doubt that we deserved to take our place against Liverpool in the not too distant future.

In getting us this far, the players' efforts have been truly magnificent, and they proved once again in Germany that they are capable of scoring goals against even the best teams.

Stuttgart, just we had expected they would, went immediately on the offensive for the opening 10 minutes, and it required some resolute defending from our players to deny them an early goal.

However, I always knew that we would create scoring opportunities of our own, and we received a tremendous boost when Alan Thompson put us in front with a brilliant

diving header. That goal put us in a strong position and, within seconds, we strengthened that yet further when Chris Sutton scored from close range after some magnificent set-up play by Didier Agathe.

Stuttgart, as befits a team in third position in the Bundesliga, threw caution to the wind in the second half and attacked us incessantly.

But the early goals had put us in a strong position and, although we were disappointed to lose some late goals to make life unnecessarily uncomfortable, eventually the tie belonged to us.

We will start as massive underdogs against big-spending Liverpool, but this tag has not deterred us from taking major scalps in the competition already. The boys definitely deserved to be through, and the achievement was made all the more satisfying by the fact we were able to celebrate it along with many thousands of Celtic supporters.

Our travelling support this season has, once again, been

truly magnificent, and no doubt they will be on the road again in a few weeks time to travel down to Anfield. At this stage, I'd also like to give mention to the 26,000 fans who, just days after paying out to come and watch us play Stuttgart, again opened their wallets to turn up for last Sunday's game with St Johnstone.

A week on, Hibernian are our visitors, and at this stage a top six finish appears to beckon for them once again. Bobby Williamson has done a tremendous job at Easter Road under very difficult circumstances and, when we last met back in early December, Hibs proved extremely difficult opponents.

That evening, it required a late Stilian Petrov goal to settle a very tight match, and I'm sure Bobby and his players will be out to make life just as difficult for us here at Celtic Park.



# Celtic FC Factfile

**Formed:** 1888

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

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

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

**Third strip:** White shirts, black shorts and socks

**Record attendance:** 92,000 (v Rangers, 1938)

**Record victory:** 11-0 (v Dundee, 1895)

**Record defeat:** 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1937)

**Most league goals (1 season):** 50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

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

**Website:** www.celticfc.net

## Honours

### Scottish League (38)

1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96, 1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1913/14, 1914/15,

1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19, 1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1953/54, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77, 1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1987/88, 1997/98, 2000/2001, 2001/2002

### Scottish Cup (31)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001

### League Cup (12)

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

### European Cup (1)

1967

### Coronation Cup (1)

1953

## CELTIC FACTS

**1.** Teams and players do not often get the chance to play on February 29 but in 1960, Neilly Mochan took full advantage of a second round Scottish Cup tie against St Mirren at Parkhead to improve his scoring record. The first match at Love Street had finished 1-1, Neilly then notched two for Celtic in a 4-4 draw in the first replay. Four days later in the second replay, he went 'nap' in a 5-0 victory, his goals coming in 7, 12, 40, 54 and 81 minutes.

**2.** On March 3, 1903, Alec McNair made his international debut for Scotland in the 2-0 defeat by Wales. Alec had an amazing career with Celtic from 1904 till 1925, making 604 appearances. He became adept at reading the game and jockeying his opponent out of the danger areas. Alec collected 15 caps and went on to have a further career as a stockbroker and died in 1951 at the age of 68.

**3.** In 1996, on March 3, 22,863 fans turned out for Mike Galloway's benefit match when the current team of the day met an All-Stars side. The latter consisted of Bonner, Morris, Aitken, McCarthy, Whyte (McInally 46), Miller (MacLeod 46), Grant (Creaney 46), Burns (Stark 46), Rogan, Coyne (P Dalglish 71) and K Dalglish. Chris Hay, Phil O'Donnell and Paddy Kelly scored for Celtic and Tommy Coyne was on target for the All-Stars. It must have been one of the few occasions when a father/son combination played for the same team at Celtic Park.

## HIBS FACTS

**1.** After winning the Scottish Cup in 1887, Hibs fans had to wait another nine years before reaching the final again, and what an unusual one that turned out to be! Firstly, it was an all-Edinburgh affair, the only time-so far- this has ever occurred; and secondly, it was held at Logie Green in Edinburgh, the first and only time the Scottish Cup final has been held outside Glasgow. In front of 17,034 spectators, Hearts won 3-1.

**2.** Hibernian FC has never been a team associated with the Scottish Cup, their only two victories coming in 1887 and 1902, the latter a 1-0 victory over Celtic. They did reach the final on a number of occasions, though, several of them against Celtic and all of which the latter won. After a 0-0 draw, 4-1 in the replay in 1914; 1-0 in 1923; a record-equalling 6-1 win in 1972 and again two years ago, a 3-0 victory.

**3.** Hibs won the League Championship in season 1947/48 and again in 1950/51 and 1951/52. The team was noted for the quality of its football, in particular the attacking skills and fine touches of the forward line. Known as the 'Famous Five', the quintet of Gordon Smith, Bobby Johnstone, Lawrie Reilly, Eddie Turnbull and Willie Ormond was renowned throughout Scotland.



# TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS **HIBERNIAN**



**MANAGER** BOBBY WILLIAMSON **STADIUM** EASTER ROAD **CAPACITY** 16,039

SEASON 2002/03

## CURRENT PREMIER LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
4. Kilmarnock	28	12	6	10	32	39	42
5. Dunfermline	28	12	3	13	44	51	39
6. HIBERNIAN	28	10	4	14	38	46	34
7. Dundee	27	8	8	11	33	40	32
8. Partick	28	6	9	13	27	43	27

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## CELTIC



## HIBERNIAN

ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	1
TOM BOYD	2	2
MOMO SYLLA	3	3
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	4
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	5
BOBO BALDE	6	6
HENRIK LARSSON	7	7
ALAN THOMPSON	8	8
CHRIS SUTTON	9	10
JOHN HARTSON	10	11
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	12
PAUL LAMBERT	14	13
BOBBY PETTA	15	14
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	15
DIDIER AGATHE	17	16
NEIL LENNON	18	17
STILIAN PETROV	19	19
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	20
COLIN HEALY	24	21
JAVIER SANCHEZ BROTO	26	22
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	23
SHAUN MALONEY	29	30
STEVE GUPPY	30	31
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	32
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

NICK COLGAN
GARY SMITH
JANOS MATYUS
YANNICK ZAMBERNARDI
PAUL FENWICK
IAN MURRAY
THOMAS McMANUS
GRANT BREBNER
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## RECENT FORM

SCOTTISH CUP 4th ROUND 23 FEBRUARY, 2003  
**CELTIC 2 v ST JOHNSTONE 1** (Hartson 2, Smith)

UEFA CUP 4th ROUND 20 FEBRUARY, 2003  
**CELTIC 3 v STUTTGART 1** (Lambert, Maloney, Petrov)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 9 FEBRUARY, 2003  
**CELTIC 2 v LIVINGSTON 1** (Sylla, Sutton)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 2 FEBRUARY, 2003  
**PARTICK TH 0 v CELTIC 2** (Sutton 2)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 29 JANUARY, 2003  
**CELTIC 2 v DUNDEE UTD 0** (Larsson, Hartson)

SCOTTISH CUP 3rd ROUND 25 JANUARY, 2003  
**CELTIC 3 v ST MIRREN 0** (Larsson 2, Sylla)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 2 JANUARY, 2003  
**ABERDEEN 1 v CELTIC 1** (Larsson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 29 DECEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 1 v DUNFERMLINE 0** (Larsson)

## TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

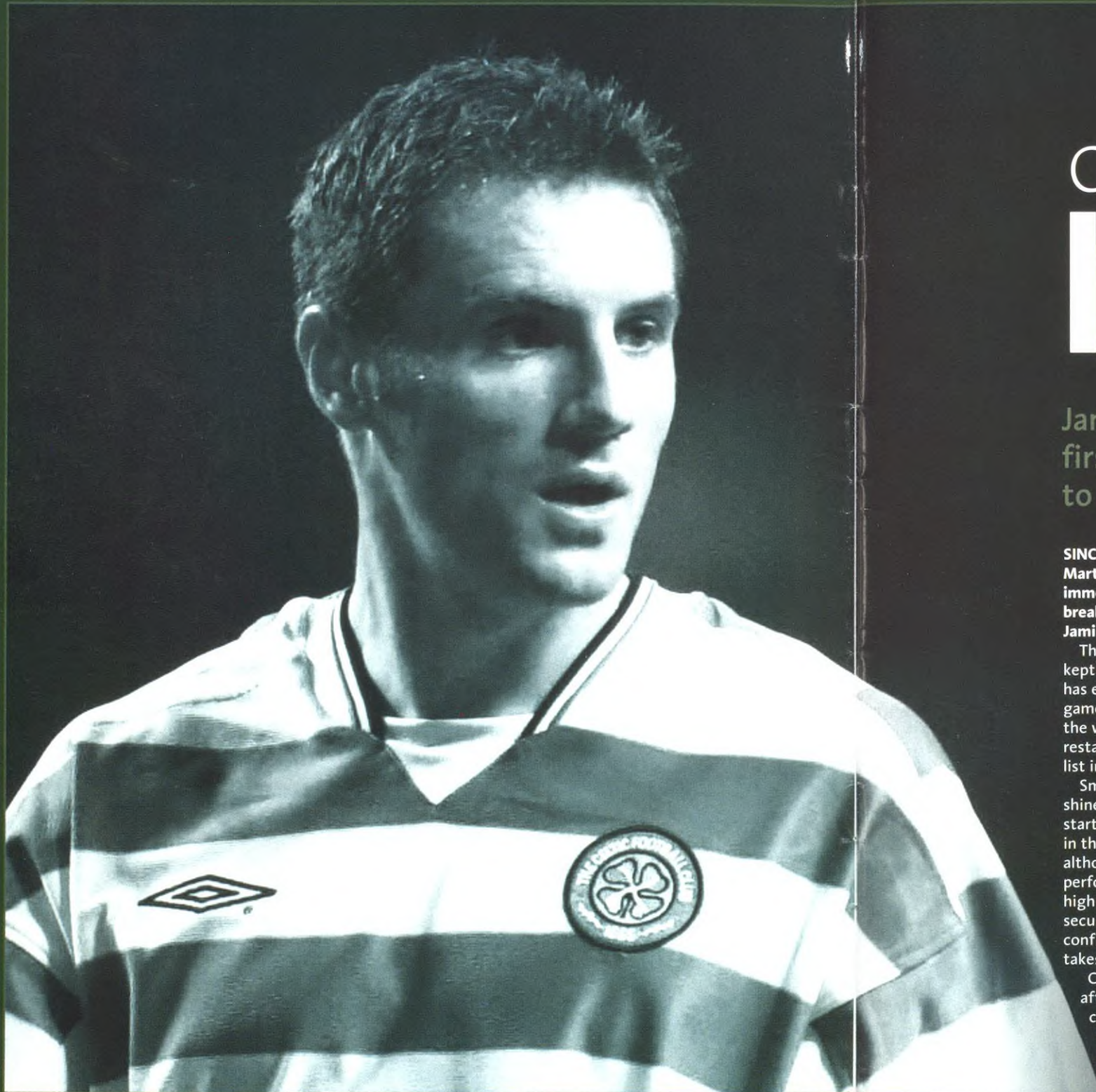
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## Chance of a lifetime

Jamie Smith is enjoying life in the first team and says he will continue to work hard to hold down his place

**SINCE winning his way into Martin O'Neill's side immediately after the winter break, life has been good for Jamie Smith.**

The 22-year-old winger has kept his place on the flank and has enjoyed a decent run of games as Celtic have stayed on the winning track since the restart of the football fixture list in January.

Smith seized the chance to shine when he was handed a starting place against St Mirren in the Scottish Cup and although he knows that performing to a consistently high level is the only way to secure his position, he is confident that he has what it takes to do so.

Celtic play Hibs this afternoon knowing that they can ill afford any slip-ups in the Premierleague and

given the nature of Thursday's gruelling match in Germany, it is expected that O'Neill will ring a few changes in the side.

The cluttered fixture list might make things a little more demanding, but Smith won't be caught complaining.

"It's a healthy position that we are in," he said. "If you had given us the option between European football and a lot of games or slightly less games and no European football then there's no doubt which one we would have chosen.

"It's not just us. Everyone wants to be involved in European football and you only have to look at the clubs involved in the Champions League to see how well most of them are also doing domestically.

"Why shouldn't Celtic come into that bracket too?"



“This is a great opportunity for me and I want to keep working hard and keep improving”

“I think the second part of the season always throws up big games. We’re sitting behind Rangers in the table and that makes every single game that we go into it important because we know that we have to be well prepared.

“It doesn’t matter that some of our games have been played on a Sunday and Rangers have maybe played a day earlier because you still have to do the same job and it doesn’t affect any of our preparations.

“No matter when you go out to play you still have to do the job and get three points from it.”

Versatile enough to play on either flank, Smith is aware enough to know that he has to keep on producing high quality performances if he is to cement his place in the team.

He scored the second goal



against St Johnstone last weekend as Celtic booked a quarter-final tie against Inverness Caley Thistle in the Scottish Cup, and he is keen to keep the pot boiling between now and the end of the season.

“Since we came back from Florida it has been non-stop and I’ve been involved in the majority of games that we’ve played,” he said.

“I don’t want it to stop because I am enjoying it and it is good to get a run like this in the team.

“Consistency is the difficult part of it but that is what you strive for. This is as good an opportunity as any that I have had and I just want to keep working at it and keep

**HARD WORK** Jamie Smith has been involved with the first team since the Winter break and is making the most of it

improving. This has been the best run that I’ve had in the team and as well as enjoying it, I want to take my chance.

“Sometimes you can get an opportunity and you are too eager to make an impression and you don’t relax and do yourself justice. That can go against you because you build things up too much and put too much pressure on yourself.

“If you are starting the game then you are on a par with everyone else. You have time to get into the pace of the game, whereas if you come off the bench, you are warming up and then you’re straight into the pace of the game and that can be difficult to adjust to.

“That’s just football though, and you have to be prepared to take whatever chances that you get when they come up.”



## JAMIE SMITH

### FOOTBALL FOCUS:

Jamie Smith knows that every game is important at this stage of the season

