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BILLY STARK

Let's finish with a flourish

WE WELCOME Dundee United here for our last competitive game of the season with a point to prove.

After our disappointing performance on Wednesday night in the 0-0 draw with Kilmarnock, we must try and finish the season with a flourish.

To do that, the players need to show the correct attitude in what will be a difficult match for us.

Dundee United have had a very satisfactory season under Tommy McLean and fully deserve their European place.

I am sure they will be great ambassadors for Scotland in the UEFA Cup next season.

On the face of it, there is nothing tangible to be gained from this match by either club.

However, I am sure both ourselves and United are more than capable of putting in a good footballing show.

Just as we do, United will want to win their last game of the season and go out on a high.

But this is our home match and we want to go out with a victory in front of our supporters.

We had a good win against Hibs last Sunday but failed to follow it up with another against Kilmarnock.

That was a huge disappointment to everyone at the club and we want to right that this afternoon.

It was a very flat performance against Killie.

If it hadn't been for Gordon Marshall who made a couple of terrific saves we'd have lost the game.

Right from the start we looked like a team who had nothing to play for. At that stage, it wasn't the case and that was the most disappointing aspect of all.

Kilmarnock came to fight for their lives and fully deserved a point.

This is our last competitive game of the season and my last competitive game at the club.

And I am sure that I can speak on behalf of Tommy Burns as well in thanking the Celtic fans for all their support in the three years that we have had here.

We wish the club all the very best for the future and fervently hope that the supporters get the success that they, more than anybody else, deserve.



"We must try and finish the season with a flourish"



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Bonner's Pat on the back

PAT BONNER will be the centre of attraction when Celtic take to the Lansdowne Road pitch to face a Republic of Ireland XI for their final game of a long and arduous season.

And the esteem the legendary Irish keeper is held in will be marked when Celts from near and far gather to pay him tribute.

Bonner has been granted a testimonial by the FAI after reaching the 80-cap mark and is delighted that every one of the 21-strong Celtic first-team squad will be travelling over to take part.

He said: "All the big names will be there on the day, with guys like Paolo Di Canio, Jorge Cadete and Rico Annoni all flying out to Dublin from their home countries.

"This is fantastic because many people in Ireland can't manage over to see Celtic in Glasgow, so this is the ideal opportunity for them to go and see their heroes in the flesh on the pitch in Dublin.

"Paolo will definitely be a big attraction in Ireland and the last thing he did before travelling back to Italy was finalise his flight details to arrive in Dublin for the match."

But, with players' contracts now up for renewal, not only will the Irish fans see some players for the first time – some men on the pitch could be playing in the hoops for the LAST time.

Bonner said: "Come the end of the term there is always the usual contractual talks between players and clubs so this could be the last hurrah for some of the players.

"If that is the case then that will make this game all the more special to me. It will be the same for the supporters as it could be the last time they get the chance to see some famous Celts playing for the club.

"It could be the last time I am on the same pitch as them and, as luck would have it, I will be playing for the opposition.

"But you never know, I may be able to swap sides near the end of the game – I might even try my luck at centre-forward depending on how the game is going! I know that some of the lads here are intent on scoring a

few goals past me, but maybe I'll have the option of ending up on the winning side no matter what the score is!"

Club captain Paul McStay, who hopes to be fit for the showcase game, is particularly keen on "slamming seven past the big man".

But no matter which side finds the net most, it is sure to be the supporters who are the winners.

Bonner said: "This will be a big day for me and a really special occasion but the most important thing for me is that the game is in Ireland.

"I want it to be a magical day for everyone connected to Celtic and Ireland. They will be getting together and singing the same songs about everything that is good about the two."

The keeper is still a registered player and that is a role he hopes to maintain, along with his coaching position. But, like others, he doesn't know if that will be at Celtic Park.

He said: "No matter what lies in store, the most important thing is that I've had a fantastic career with Celtic.

That catapulted me on to the international scene with Ireland and I'm very grateful for that.

"I'm only registered as a player for emergencies but I'd love to still be coaching here as there are certain things you will do for this club that you won't do for others.

"But as I've said, I'm there as a player only when necessary, as you have to give 100 per cent to coaching and the same to playing so that can be a difficult mix.

"I'm still coaching with the Republic squad but that is slightly different in that I am in charge of the senior keepers. That gives me great satisfaction and when Tommy Burns, Billy Stark and myself took over the coaching here we decided right at the start we would give it 110 per cent – that is all you can do."

Burns, Stark and their wives will also be in Dublin on the day as special guests of the testimonial committee on a day to honour a truly great Celt.

PACKIE'S FIRSTS

Date and place of birth: May 24, 1960, Clochglas, Co Donegal. **Height:** 6ft 2ins. **Weight:** 13st 1lb.

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FIRST SENIOR CLUB: Celtic.

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FIRST DAY AS A CELT: Signed from Keadue Rovers on May 14, 1978.

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FIRST GAME FOR CELTIC: St Patrick's Day 1979 in a 2-1 Premier Division victory over Motherwell at Celtic Park.

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FIRST INTERNATIONAL CAP: On his 21st birthday, May 24, 1981 against Poland in a 3-0 friendly defeat played in Bydgoszcz.

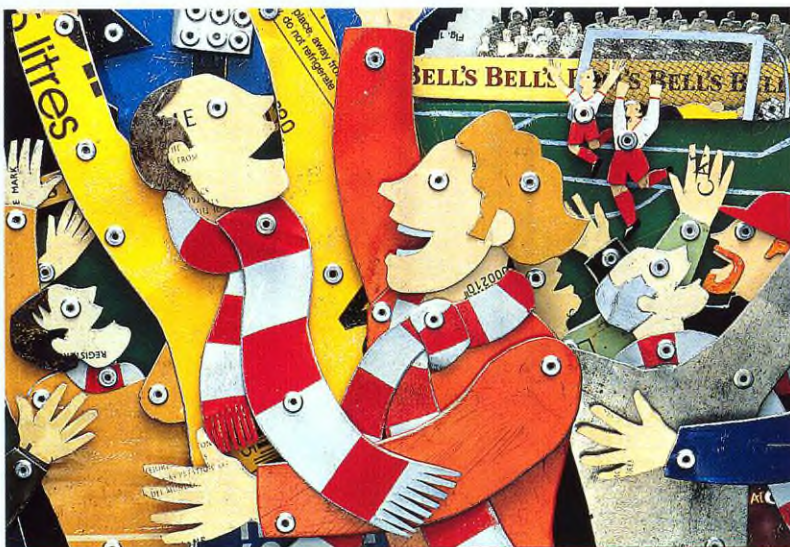
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5 FIRST TESTIMONIAL: May 12, 1991 - Celtic 3 Republic of Ireland XI 2.



PAT BONNER

PAT'S PERFECT DAY...
Pat Bonner and Gary Kelly celebrate one of the high points of the Celtic keeper's international career – Ireland's 1-0 win over Italy in the 1994 World Cup Finals

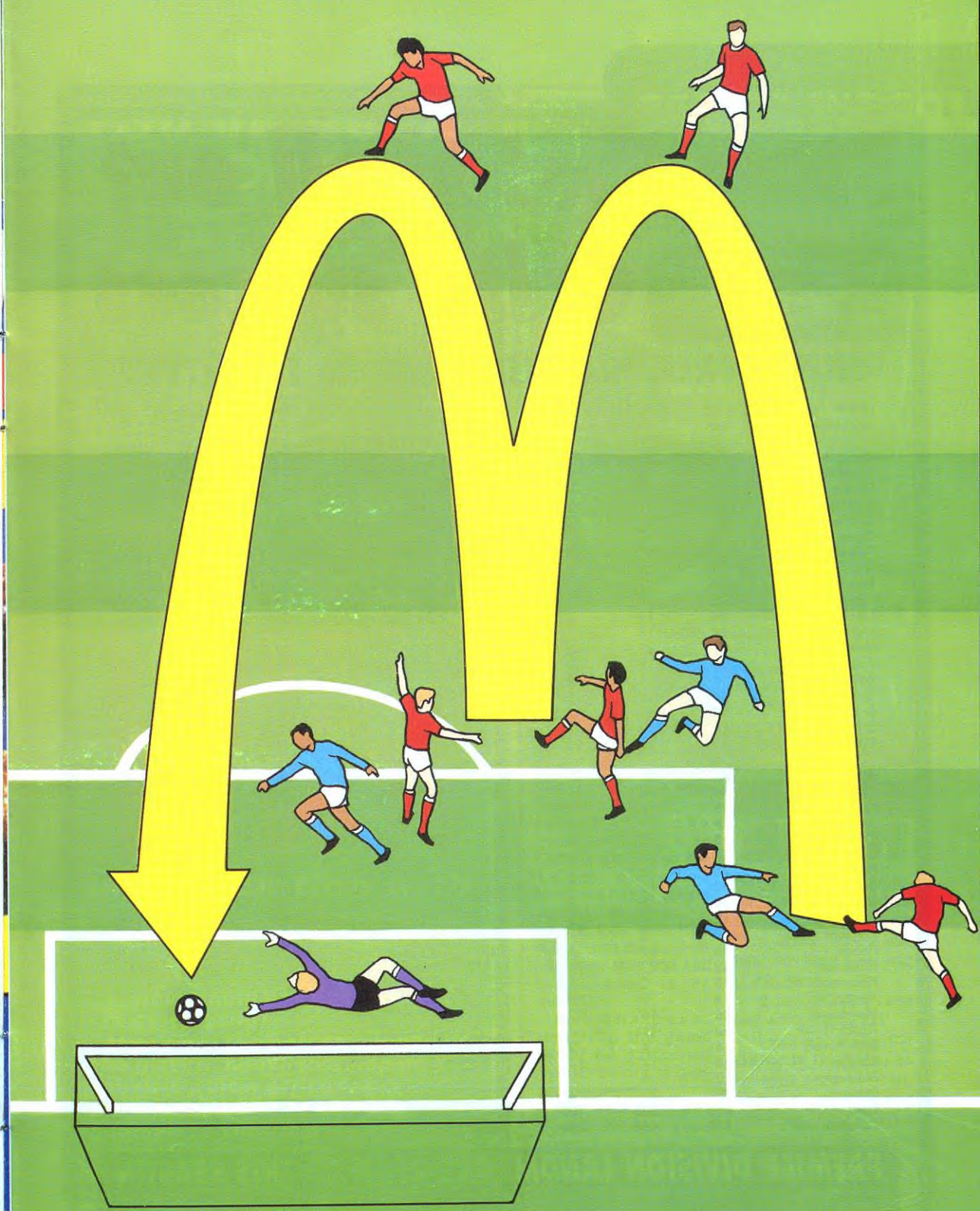


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