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Capital return for *hard work*

KILMARNOCK are obviously still in a position where they need the points to secure their Premier Division status for next season.

They have had a tremendous run in pulling themselves clear of the bottom and qualifying for the Scottish Cup final.

But they suffered their first set-back on Saturday when they lost 3-1 to Dunfermline at East End Park. So I'm sure Bobby Williamson will be looking for them to respond in the right way tonight.

His side have proved difficult opponents for us over the last few years and of course we will all recall they managed to win what turned out to be a crucial game for us at Rugby Park recently.

That game and the 2-0 reverse scoreline still rankles with everyone here at Celtic Park.

So the incentive is there for us to try and carry on from Sunday's Easter Road victory which we managed under difficult circumstances.

The team and the supporters needed that victory after everything that happened in the week running up to the game.

The players reacted in the correct manner and got the right result by winning 3-1 when everyone needed it.

And of course we have two home games left to finish the season on a positive note in front of our own supporters.

So we aim to go out against Kilmarnock tonight and Dundee United in our final game on Saturday with two victories.

The players have obviously had a lot of criticism in recent weeks and to be fair, some of it has been justified.

However, they deserve credit for the way they handled the situation at the weekend.

It wasn't an easy game for any of us especially as it was our first game since the painful semi-final defeat at the hands of Falkirk.

Aside from getting the right result against Hibs they also had to show the correct attitude and determination.

They played with purpose and reaped the rewards for their endeavour with three well-taken goals thrown in for good measure.

So we hope they will respond in the same manner tonight as we know that Kilmarnock are desperate to win this game, but we too have a point to prove.



**'The players
deserve credit
for their attitude
against Hibernian
last weekend'**



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ANDREAS THOM

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NAME: Charlie Flannagan.
AGE: Nine
FROM: Blackburn, West Lothian
GAME: Celtic v Aberdeen, 20.4.97

THIS lucky mascot was a clever little Charlie, predicting three home goals on arrival at Celtic Park and we all know what the score was in this game.

No-one was disagreeing with him either, considering Charlie is a Tae-kwon-do champion!

He took no persuading however, to swap his martial arts outfit for the 'Hoops' as he led the Bhoys to a comfortable victory over the Dons.

He said: "I go to my Tae-kwon-do class once a week, which leaves me six free days to concentrate on perfecting my skills with my local football team."

MEET THE MASCOT

Maybe one day in the future, Charlie will be leading a mascot out onto Celtic Park as he is hoping to play professional football in years to come.

You never know where being a Young Hoop could lead to.

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Gunning to blank the six-shooters

★ **CELTIC'S** 6-0 win over Kilmarnock in January was their biggest league win over the Ayrshire club since March 2, 1968 when they won by the same scoreline at Rugby Park. It was also the Bhoys biggest home league win over Kilmarnock since 1938/39 when they won 9-1.

★ **IN THE** above match Jorge Cadete became the first Celt since George McCluskey to net a hat-trick against Kilmarnock in the league.

George scored his threesome on August 25, 1979 in a 5-0 win with Vic Davidson netting the other two.

★ **KILMARNOCK'S** 2-0 win over Celtic in March equalled their biggest ever league win over Celtic in the Premier Division.

★ **CELTIC'S** 3-1 win at Rugby Park in August was the first time since April 30, 1983 that they have scored more than two goals in a game at Rugby Park.

★ **KILMARNOCK'S** last league win at Celtic Park was on December 10, 1955 when two first half goals from Curlett gave them a 2-0 win. Since then Celtic have gone 31 games undefeated.

★ **KILMARNOCK** come to Celtic Park for the final time this season with revenge firmly on their minds. The Ayrshire outfit were humbled 6-0 on their last visit here, with Jorge Cadete nabbing a hat-trick. David McDonald analyses the stats

★ **CELTIC'S** biggest league wins over Kilmarnock are 9-1 at home in 1938/39 and 6-1 away in 1903/04.

★ **KILMARNOCK'S** biggest league wins ever over Celtic are 6-0 at home in 1962/63 and 2-0 away in 1916/17 and 1955/56.

★ **KILMARNOCK'S** first ever league win at Celtic Park came on their 18th visit when they won 2-0 on April 21, 1917. However not only was it their first success, it was also Celtic's first league defeat in 62 matches stretching back to November 13, 1915.

In that unbeaten run of 62 games, which is still a Scottish record to this day, Celtic won 49 and drew 13.



Cadete bagged a hat-trick the last Celts met Killie at Celtic Park

LAST 10 TOP TEN LEAGUE WINS OVER KILMARNOCK

(All stats relate to Celtic)

KILMARNOCK had a ten year break from the Premier Division, so to record the last ten top defeats over the Ayrshire club we have to step back in time quite a bit...

January 8, 1997
Celtic 6 Kilmarnock 0
August 24, 1996
Kilmarnock 1 Celtic 3
December 2, 1995
Celtic 4 Kilmarnock 2
March 21, 1995
Kilmarnock 0 Celtic 1

January 14, 1995
Celtic 2 Kilmarnock 1
February 26, 1994
Celtic 1 Kilmarnock 0
April 30, 1983
Kilmarnock 0 Celtic 5
February 26, 1983
Celtic 4 Kilmarnock 0
December 18, 1982
Kilmarnock 0 Celtic 4
October 16, 1982
Celtic 2 Kilmarnock 1

Game of two

THE oldest cliché in football is 'it was a game of two halves', but for Andreas Thom it's definitely been a 'season of two halves'.

The German internationalist started the 1996/97 campaign on fire, scoring six goals in the first seven games, but a string of injuries brought a halt to his blistering start.

Now with just two games remaining he is fully fit and ready to end a disappointing campaign on a high note with a win tonight over Kilmarnock and the same on Saturday against Dundee United.

Thom said: "I was happy with my early season performances and then I started to pick up a few injuries and it became very frustrating.

"Firstly I was out with a muscle injury in my ribs that I had never had before and wasn't quite sure if it was healing properly or not.

"Then I came back too early and I was out again with a recurrence of that injury, and then when I did get back playing I was out again with an inflamed Achilles'.

"I just didn't know when I would be able to get back playing and feel fully fit again.

"It took me a long time and everyone kept asking me when I would be back and because I couldn't put a time on it, the situation became frustrating.

"Then during my time out, the team was playing well and it was difficult to get back into the side.

"Now though I feel fully fit again, and I am desperately hoping that I will not pick up another injury in the week that is left of this term!"

Celtic's last two home games don't hold much interest in competitive terms, but Thom wants to get through both of them unscathed and with a win.

And after the Scottish Cup defeat he believes the players owe supporters two good home performances to end the season on a high.

And while he's deeply disappointed with the Falkirk loss, Thom believes setbacks like that are all part and parcel of football.

He said: "We know it's not easy to

seasons

take a loss like that when everyone predicts we're going to win 5-0.

"All we can do now is try in our last couple of games to give the supporters something to cheer about.

"You always need positive thinking in this game, it is very important. The good thing about football usually is that after a defeat, you have the chance to play again and hopefully get the defeat out of your system.

"There are always going to be highs and lows in this game. I remember a terrible result when I was with Bayer Leverkusen.

"We were playing away to Borussia Mönchengladbach in the semi-final of the cup, we were 1-0 up then one of our players was shown a red-card, and they equalised. It stayed like that for the 90 minutes and went into extra-time.

"They scored first to take the game to 2-1 and we thought that was it until I scored in the last second of extra-time and it was a wonderful feeling.

"However, in the penalty shoot-out

to decide the game their keeper saved every single penalty we took and we lost the game.

"That was one of the lowest points of my footballing career."

Tonight Celtic take on Falkirk's Scottish Cup final opponents Kilmarnock who were humbled 6-0 the last time they visited Celtic Park.

Since then however they have beaten Celtic and Rangers on their own patch, and reached the cup final.

And Thom reckons tonight's match is bound to be something special.

He said: "You can't look back to that 6-0 game because a lot has changed since then.

"Kilmarnock beat us 2-0 at Rugby Park and they have beaten Rangers as well.

"They've reached the cup final and are bound to be lifted by that. We must get the points here tonight, but I am sure this is going to be an interesting game."

THOM'S FIRSTS

Date and place of birth: 7.9.65 in Rudersdorf, Germany

Height: 5ft 10ins. **Weight:** 11st 12lbs.

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FIRST SENIOR CLUB: TSG Herzfelde

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FIRST DAY AS A CELT: Signed from Bayer Leverkusen on July 28, 1995 in a £4.2million deal

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FIRST GAME FOR CELTIC: August 19, 1995, third round Coca-Cola Cup 3-0 win over Ayr United at Ayr.

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FIRST GOAL: Scored the opener in the above game.

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FIRST CAP: For East Germany in a 5-2 friendly win over Algeria on October 10, 1984.

ANDREAS THOM

