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1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970,  
1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977,  
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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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(Kirkcaldy)

**DRAGOJE LEKOVIC**



**MALKY MACKAY**

**GUS MCPHERSON**



**TOSH MCKINLAY**



**Assistant Ref:**  
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(Glasgow)

**DYLAN KERR**



**ALAN STUBBS**

**KEVIN MCGOWNE**



**TOM BOYD**



**RAY MONTGOMERIE**



**PETER GRANT**

**Assistant Ref:**  
D. H. Black  
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**MARK REILLY**



**BRIAN McLAUGHLIN**

**DAVID BAGAN**



**DAVID HANNAH**

**STAND-BYS:**

**JOHN HENRY**



**TOMMY JOHNSON**

**CELTIC:**  
Chris Hay, John Paul  
McBride, Marc  
Anthony, Stuart  
Gray, Barry Elliot,  
Paddy Kelly

**PAUL WRIGHT**



**JORGE CADETE**

**JIM McINTYRE**



**ANDREAS THOM**

**KILMARNOCK:**  
Colin Meldrum (GK),  
Derek Anderson,  
Mark Roberts, Gary  
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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.

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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.**

1

**FIRST SENIOR CLUB: TSG Herzfelde**

2

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

3

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

4

**FIRST GOAL: Scored the opener in the above game.**

5

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



**ANDREAS THOM**







*Bobby Williamson's appointment as Kilmarnock manager gave the team a timely boost - but they still face an uphill struggle to avoid a play-off with Airdrie*

**RELEGATION** troubled Kilmarnock come north to Celtic Park tonight knowing they desperately need the points after a run of results that seemed to be steering them clear of the basement.

And that sequence of games was more or less kick-started the last time these clubs met back in March when Killie defeated Celtic 2-0 at Rugby Park.

That came just five days after the Celts ousted Rangers from the cup with the Hoops on a high and gunning for silverware.

But the fortunes of both clubs swung that night as Celtic succumbed to only their third defeat of the year and Kilmarnock gelled to become the surprising in-form team.

Now the Rugby Park club have booked their place in the Scottish Cup final while Celtic's grip on the glory has slipped.

A 3-0 Premier Division win over Aberdeen was Celtic's only chink of light between then and the shock cup defeat at the hands of Falkirk in the semi-final.

But tonight Celtic will be trying to emulate their earlier victories over Kilmarnock this season as scores of 3-1 and 6-0 showed that previous thoughts of the Ayrshire side being a 'bogey' team were put on the back burner.

And in the coming 90 minutes the Celts won't have to combat the talents of **PAUL WRIGHT** who was stretchered off only 22 minutes into Saturday's 3-1 defeat by Dunfermline.

At that stage the score was still 0-0 and rueful Kilmarnock supporters will still be conjuring up other scenarios had the goal-getter remained on the pitch.

Indeed, Wright scored one of the two goals on that fateful night in March and will certainly be missed by manager **BOBBY WILLIAMSON** while the player is on the treatment table.

Wright has scored 18 of Kilmarnock's 39 goals this season and was seen as a crucial component in their battle to avoid the play-offs and quest for cup glory.

But it is at the other end of the park where

# Bobby helps in the right



Kilmarnock have caused Celtic most heartache in recent seasons with **DRAGOJE LEKOVIC** performing all sorts of heroics between the sticks to halt wave after wave of Celtic attacks.

They also have impressive back-up in the shape of Scotland Under-21 goalie **COLIN MELDRUM**.

The last outfield line includes a mixture of experience and youth with the likes of **RAY MONTGOMERIE** adding maturity to a young well-drilled defence.

On Saturday **DYLAN KERR** and **KEVIN MCGOWNE** linked up with Montgomerie as veteran **GUS MACPHERSON** dropped back from his earlier midfield position to help out.

**JOHN HENRY** also took to the field against Dunfermline before being replaced by **COLIN MCKEE** and they shared the teamsheet with another name that will be familiar to



those frequenting the stands tonight.

The midfield featured **DAVID BAGEN** and **MARK REILLY** with the former being replaced by a name which needs no introduction to the Celtic crowd...

For recent signing **ROBERT PRYTZ** will be remembered for his wearing of the blue and white of Rangers rather than that of Kilmarnock and he is sure to

receive some sort of reception tonight.

**GARY HOLT** was hoping to become a regular at Celtic Park during Lou Macari's reign as manager but the player moved down south to Stoke City before returning across the border to sign on with his hometown team.

The non-appearance of Wright looks like jamming the door open for **TOM BROWN** who joined the fray as a substitute at East End Park as he is likely to form a striking partnership with **JIM MCINTYRE**.

Ex-Airdrie man

McIntyre was the man who hit the other counter against Celtic in March but the Rugby Park forward line have found it hard going on the road.

They have found the net only 13 times in 17 away matches while they are the Premier's most generous visitors in conceding 35 away goals.

While Celtic will be intent on guarding a precious home record of being top scorers at home with 45 goals in 13 matches while losing only nine – a goals against figure they share with Dundee United.

**COLIN MELDRUM** (Goalkeeper)

Age 21. Signed from Kilwinning Rangers in 1993

**DRAGOJE LEKOVIC** (Goalkeeper)

Age 29. Signed from Buducnost Podgorica in 1994

**KEVIN MCGOWNE** (Defender)

Age 26. Signed from St Johnstone in 1996

**JIM LAUCHLAN** (Defender)

Age 19. Signed from Kilmarnock Boys' Club in 1994

**RAY MONTGOMERIE** (Defender)

Age 35. Signed from Dumbarton in 1988

**DYLAN KERR** (Defender)

Age 29. Signed from Reading in 1996

**GUS MacPHERSON** (Midfielder)

Age 28. Signed from Rangers in 1986.

**MARK REILLY** (Midfielder)

Age 27. Signed from Motherwell in 1991

**DAVID BAGEN** (Midfielder)

Age 19. Signed from Troon Juniors in 1995

**BILLY FINDLAY** (Midfielder)

Age 26. Signed from Hibernian in 1995

**ALLY MITCHELL** (Midfielder)

Age 28. Signed from East Fife in 1991

**GARY HOLT** (Midfielder)

Age 23. Signed from Stoke City in 1995

**ROBERT PRYTZ** (Midfielder)

Age 37. Signed from free transfer

**PAUL WRIGHT** (Forward)

Age 29. Signed from St Johnstone in 1995

**COLIN MCKEE** (Forward)

Age 23. Signed from Manchester United in 1994

**MARK ROBERTS** (Forward)

Age 21. Signed from Bellfield Boys' Club in 1992

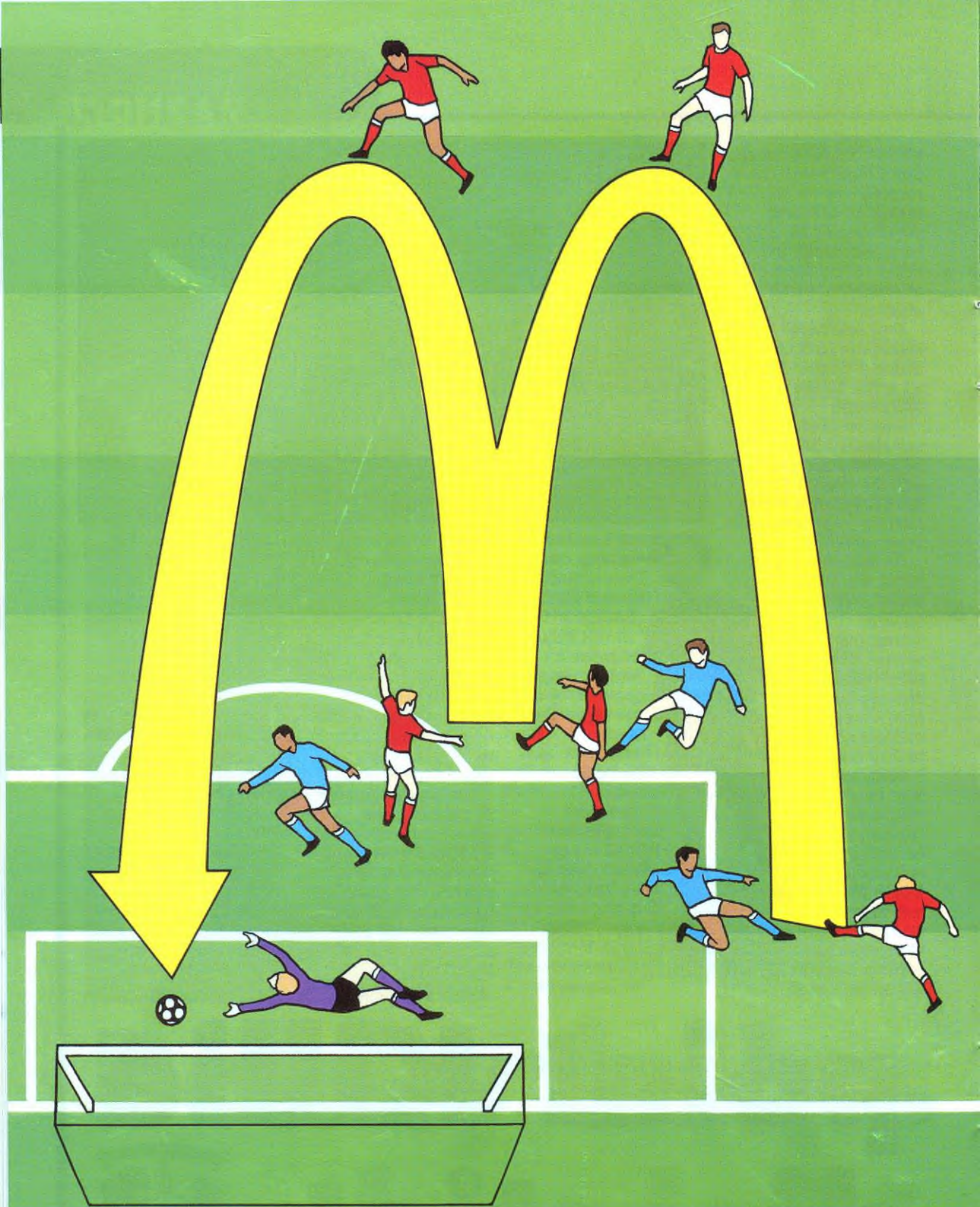
**TOM BROWN** (Forward)

Age 28. Signed from Glenafton Athletic in 1993

# point Killie direction



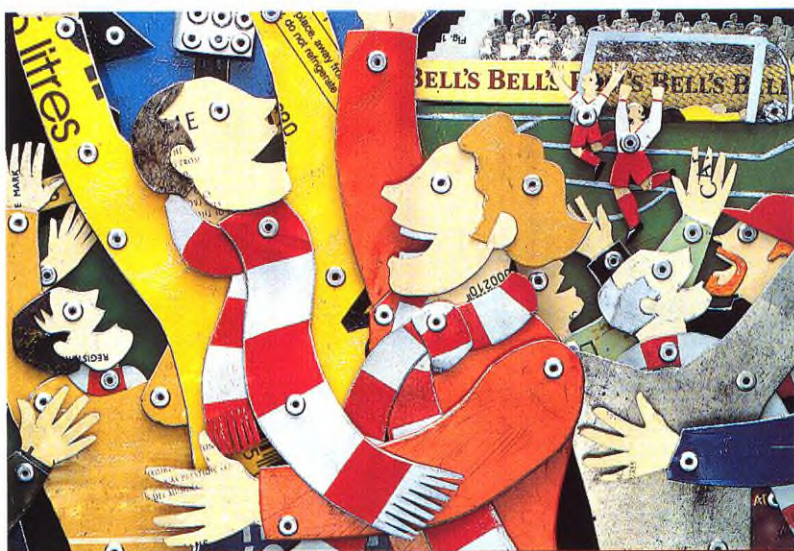




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# FIRST TEAM STATS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			SCOT CUP			EUROPE			TOTAL			
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	
TOM BOYD	29	-	3	-	4	-	4	-	5	-	41	-	
JACKIE MONMARA	30	-	1	-	3	-	4	-	1	-	40	-	
JORGE CADETE	28	1	24	3	5	4	1	5	3	39	1	32	
PAOLO DI CANO	25	1	12	2	2	1	6	3	35	2	15	-	
TOSH MCKINLAY	22	3	1	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	32	3	
STEWART KERR	24	1	-	-	6	-	6	-	6	-	30	1	
PETER GRANT	19	2	-	3	-	4	-	2	-	28	2	-	
PIERRE VAN HOOONK*	19	2	14	3	1	2	2	2	1	26	4	16	
ANDREAS THOM	16	5	3	-	3	-	4	-	3	-	26	7	8
PHIL O'DONNELL	19	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	6	-	26	-	4
ALAN STUBBS	20	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	4	-	26	-	4
SIMON DONNELLY	18	9	5	1	2	-	1	1	2	-	22	12	5
MALYU MCKAY	16	2	1	1	-	1	1	1	4	2	22	3	3
PAUL MCGAY	14	1	1	1	-	1	-	4	-	20	1	1	1
BRIAN O'NEIL	15	1	2	1	-	3	-	3	-	19	1	2	-
GORDON MARSHALL	9	-	3	-	3	-	4	-	4	-	16	-	16
MORTEM WEGHORST	11	5	2	1	2	-	2	2	-	14	9	2	-
DAVID HANNAH	12	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	15	6	-
JOHN HUGHES*	5	1	-	2	-	3	-	3	-	10	1	-	-
BRIAN MCGLAUGHLIN	8	10	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	2	10	15	1
STUART GRAY	6	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	-	-
ENRICO ANNONI	4	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	-
CHRIS HAY	4	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	9	3
TOMMY JOHNSON	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	-
MARC ANTHONY	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-
JOHN PAUL MCBRIDE	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
BARRY ELLIOT	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

\*No longer at club

# RESERVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			LG CUP			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
KELLY BRIBSON	21	3	1	3	-	-	24	3	1
LITTLE	19	2	-	1	-	-	20	2	-
GRAY	16	-	-	2	-	-	18	-	-
MCDONALD	15	-	-	1	-	-	17	-	-
BOYLE*	14	1	8	1	1	1	16	1	8
ANTHONY	13	3	1	2	1	3	15	4	1
CROSSLEY	13	3	1	2	1	3	13	7	3
HAY	9	7	3	3	-	-	12	7	3
MCBRIDE	10	1	-	3	-	-	13	-	-
MCKAY	10	-	-	1	-	-	11	-	-
MARSHALL	9	-	-	3	-	-	12	-	-
ELLIOT	9	4	5	1	-	-	10	4	5
VAUGH	9	1	1	1	-	-	9	1	1
O'BRIEN	8	6	3	1	-	-	9	6	3
KERR	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
DOUGHERTY	6	-	-	3	-	-	9	-	-
WEGHORST	5	5	2	-	-	-	6	6	3
POTTER	5	2	-	1	1	1	4	4	4
BORLAND	4	3	3	1	1	1	5	1	1
DOW	3	3	-	1	-	-	4	-	-
McSTAY	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
O'DONNELL	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
O'NEIL	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
HUGHES*	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
MCKINLAY	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
THOM	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
STUBBS	1	6	-	1	-	-	2	6	-
MCGUINNESS	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1
FITZPATRICK	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
DUGGAN	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
BOYD	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
COUGHLIN	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
HANNAH	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
MCGRATH	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
BURNS	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
STARK	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
GRANT	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
trialist	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-

\*No longer at club

# YOUTH STATISTICS

PLAYER	LEAGUE			BP CUP			GLAS CUP						
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G				
TOTAL	15	1	4	3	-	-	4	-	1	22	1	5	
CROSSLEY	15	1	4	4	-	-	3	-	3	-	22	1	5
POTTER	15	1	-	3	1	1	4	-	-	-	22	1	11
MCBRIDE	13	2	-	3	-	-	5	-	-	-	22	2	-
MCKEOWN	13	2	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	18	-	-
DUGGAN	13	2	5	3	2	2	3	1	18	5	8	-	-
QUEEN	10	5	5	3	1	-	2	1	15	7	5	-	-
BORLAND	9	1	3	3	-	-	3	-	15	1	-	-	-
ELLIOT	10	7	4	3	1	-	3	1	14	5	10	-	-
MCGUINNESS	11	3	2	3	-	-	1	-	13	4	2	-	-
VAUGH	8	2	4	2	1	-	3	1	11	3	6	-	-
DAVIS	9	3	1	1	-	-	2	-	12	-	-	-	-
SMITH	8	3	1	1	-	-	2	-	12	5	1	-	-
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MCGRATH	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	-	-	-
CONVERY	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	7	-	-	-	-
COCOZZA	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	6	11	2	-	-
JOYCE	4	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	-
CULKIN	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	-
GILLIGAN	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	-	-
MCCONDIICHIE	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-
CORR	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
MURRAY	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
ANTHONY*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
MCCOLLIGAN	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	-	-	-
P. KELLY*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
O'BRIEN*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
CRANEY	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
MORIARTY	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
MCDONALD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
trialist	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-

\* Average players in Glasgow Cup

# BELLS PREMIER DIVISION

Rangers	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
34	24	5	83	30	77		
<b>CELTIC</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>71</b>
Dundee United	34	17	9	8	46	29	60
Heart of Midlothian	35	13	10	12	43	42	49
Dunfermline Athletic	35	12	8	15	50	63	44
Aberdeen	35	10	13	12	44	53	43
Hibernian	35	9	10	16	37	54	37
Motherwell	35	9	10	16	42	53	37
Kilmarnock	34	11	4	19	40	60	37
Raith Rovers	35	6	6	23	28	72	24

# PREMIER RESERVE DIVISION

Heart of Midlothian	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
24	16	7	1	45	14	55	
Dunfermline Athletic	26	12	6	8	53	43	42
Aberdeen	26	12	4	10	60	41	40
Kilmarnock	24	10	9	5	42	32	39
Rangers	25	10	7	8	38	32	37
<b>CELTIC</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>
Dundee United	25	9	4	12	34	43	31
Hibernian	24	7	6	11	34	44	27
Motherwell	25	5	7	13	21	48	22
Raith Rovers	25	5	4	16	26	50	19

# SCOTTISH YOUTH DIVISION

Dundee United	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
19	12	3	4	45	16	39	
<b>CELTIC</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>
Rangers	17	10	3	4	46	25	33
Aberdeen	19	9	4	6	30	23	31
Kilmarnock	20	8	3	9	39	40	27
Heart of Midlothian	20	7	2	11	23	34	23
Dundee	18	4	4	10	19	37	16
Cowdenbeath	19	1	5	13	14	68	8



**PAOLO DI CANIO**





# Hogg - an exception to the rule

FOR all that Larkhall is claimed to be a hotbed of Rangers fans, it does nevertheless produce its fair share of Celtic players.

The McStay family are the obvious example, but there are others.

And few can have made such a substantial, if unspectacular contribution to Celtic FC as Bobby Hogg.

Bobby joined Celtic from Royal Albert in the momentous year of 1931, just a few weeks after the famous Scottish Cup final against Motherwell.

At the time he was the youngest professional in the Scottish league.

It was a day after his 17th birthday, and if he expected a long apprenticeship, he would be disappointed, for opportunity knocked on his door fairly quickly.

He did not play in the trouble-ridden season of 1931/32, but September

BY DAVID W POTTER



of 1932 saw him make his debut and by the turn of the year, Bobby was a regular.

This was because the club sold Willie Cook to Everton. That transfer was a blow to the supporters who admired Cook, but perhaps Willie Maley's thinking was that he had a more than adequate youngster to fill the right-back role.

Certainly, Hogg was

**BOBBY HOGG'S** service to the club doesn't just give lie to the fact that the most physically effective Celtic full-backs have been bruisers who simply hoofed the ball up the park.

The 1930s defender's commitment to the cause also serves as fuel for the argument that the little Lanarkshire town of Larkhall is anything but the Celts-free zone some would like to believe.

very soon in the thick of things, for he played with distinction in the New Year's 0-0 draw against Rangers at Ibrox.

Celtic's league form was poor, however, but by the end of the 1932/33 season, before his 19th birthday, Bobby had won a Scottish Cup winners' medal, achieved in an unexciting 1-0 win over Motherwell.

He was not particularly tall, nor tremendously sturdy, but he was mobile, fast, a good tackler and an excellent kicker of a ball.

Cynics often say that a good punt up the field is all that is required of a

full-back.

This is less than fair, for a full-back has to be able to read situations, to out-think and out-psyche his opponent.

This Hogg was able to do, and he was a good learner.

He was never an arrogant man, and he would listen to the advice of the likes of Jimmy McStay and Willie Lyon, forming with Peter McGonagle and later Jock Morrison, a full-back pairing that would be the envy of every club.

Seasons 1933/34 and 1934/35 were poor for the club, but Hogg





**Celtic's league winning team of 1936 (Hogg is second on the left in the back row)**

looked upon them as a learning experience, and by the late 1930s happy days returned to the club again.

Much has been made, and with good cause, of the brilliant forward play of the likes of Jimmy Delaney, Frank Murphy and Johnnie Crum, but the backbone of those fine teams were the cast iron defence of Joe Kennaway, Hogg and John Morrison.

Their record spoke for itself, as the league was annexed in 1936 and 1938 and the Scottish Cup in 1937.

Both Hogg and his predecessor Willie Cook

played in the Empire Exhibition Cup final in 1938, for the opponents were Everton. Celtic won 1-0 and Hogg was outstanding.

A year earlier he had played in his one full international for Scotland in May 1937 against Czechoslovakia in Prague.

Scotland won 3-1 in a city which Hitler already had his eyes upon.

When World War II began, Hogg was better equipped than most.

Although he played in several league Internationals, he was only on that one occasion able to oust

"Tiger" Anderson of Hearts from the full-back spot.

He was however frequently made travelling reserve, and was given a Scotland jersey every time that happened.

The result was that by the time that clothing rationing was introduced at the start of the war, Hogg was able to equip a whole Scotland team!

He continued playing for Celtic in these war years (even winning an unofficial war-time cap for Scotland in 1941) but the team was poor, and Hogg, who of course could only play

part-time, suffered accordingly.

He was captain by the time that official football started again, but his form was poor and in season 1947-48 he was replaced (disastrously) by Jimmy Mallan and was only restored for the famous game at Dens Park which saved Celtic from relegation.

He asked Celtic for a free transfer and moved on to Alloa, first as a player and then as a manager, but he was no great success and by 1949 he had given up the game.

This great Celt died in 1975.



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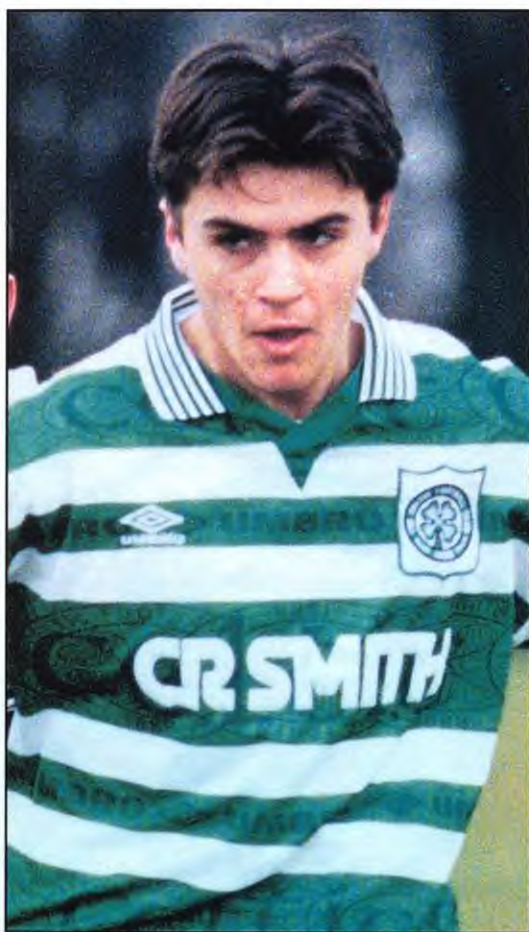
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# John's case for the

# defence

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



## JOHN CONVERY

**Name:** John Convery  
**Date of birth:** 1.4.80  
**Height:** 6ft 1ins  
**Weight:** 11st 7lbs  
**Signed:** From Glenavon in March 1997  
**Position:** Defender  
**Car:** None  
**Lives:** In digs in Bishopbriggs

### FAVOURITES

**Hobby:** Snooker  
**Film:** Braveheart  
**Band:** Oasis  
**Record:** Definitely Maybe by Oasis  
**Colour:** Blue!!!  
**Food:** Chinese  
**Celebrity:** Mr Bean  
**Best pal in football:** Everyone involved  
**Best pal outside football:** All the boys in the digs!!!

### MY FIRST

**Team:** Strangford FC  
**Senior club:** Celtic  
**Big match:** The 2-1 win over Rangers at Bathgate last month  
**Injury:** None as yet  
**Nickname:** B.A.

### FOOTBALL MEMORIES

**Happiest memory:** Winning the Glasgow Cup two Sundays ago.  
**Worst memory:** None as yet  
**Most memorable game watched:** The 3-3 draw between Liverpool and Manchester United.  
**Favourite all-time Celtic player:** Paul McStay  
**Favourite all-time player:** Paul McGrath  
**Most embarrassing moment in the game:** None yet

CELTIC ended their poor season at Premier Reserve League level with a six goal thriller at Fir Park.

Home side Motherwell took a 2-0 lead early in the game thanks to a Stuart Gray own goal and a Dougie Arnott strike.

But Celtic fought back and managed to equalise and then take the lead with goals from Chris Hay (2) and Stuart Gray. Motherwell had the last laugh however when Alex Burns made it 3-3.

THE Celtic youth side defeated Rangers last Thursday when a Barry Elliot strike secured a 1-0 win.

That made it two Old Firm wins in a week after a 2-1 victory at Bathgate, despite having Gerry Crossley sent off. Barry Elliot scored Celtic's goals that day.

But the biggest highlight for the youths was their stunning 5-0 Glasgow Cup final win over Partick Thistle with a hat-trick from Mark Burchill and single strikes from Gerry Crossley and Kevin Queen.



## MATCH ACTION



Paolo Di Canio played his last game of the season for Celtic and he went out on a high, scoring once in Celts 3-1 win over Hibs. Jorge Cadete, pictured right giving Tommy Johnson a lift, chipped in with a brace to give the Hoops a much needed boost





# Honey, I took the kids

**MICHAEL GALLAGHER** would make a great candidate for a Hollywood movie role. Not only is he a TAXI DRIVER, but he could also land a starring role in PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES.

Michael, from Johnstone, Renfrewshire, has followed his beloved Celts all over Europe using just about every mode of transport you could think of.

He said: "European games have always been very special occasions for Celtic fans and I'm no different.

"I've been all over Europe following Celtic, having hardly missed an away match since I started following the team.

"I even went to the Feyenoord tournament in Rotterdam a few years ago and a group of us are flying over to the Pat Bonner testimonial game in Dublin a week on Sunday.

"I started up the Spateston Celtic Supporters' Club back in 1982 and have been travelling with them ever since.

"It doesn't bother me what manner of transport I have to use to get to a Celtic game, the end always justifies the means as you meet up with other Celtic folk on the way and also when you arrive at your destination."

Michael is married to Donna and has two daughters, Siobhan, who is nine, and five-year-old Louise.

And even at those early ages, the girls have been following in their dad's footsteps.

Michael commented: "When I was young, my dad took me along to watch the Celtic with him.

"It's not as if I forced the girls into being Celtic supporters, but maybe I just gave them a little nudge in the right direction - they're now just as fanatical as me, maybe even more so.

"I think it's important to keep a family atmosphere at the Park and so encourage the younger supporters to return and grow up into the proper kind of Celtic fan.

"It's to the Celtic fans' credit that they haven't been too vociferous when things have gone

Name: Michael Gallagher

Age: 36

Occupation: Taxi Driver

Resides: Johnstone

Favourite current Celt: Paolo Di Canio

Player most regret not having seen: Bobby Collins

Best Celtic XI: Has to be the Lisbon Lions

Best game seen: 1979 4-2 league decider v Rangers

Best goal seen: The last one's always the best

Favourite other team: Manchester United

Favourite sportsperson who is not a footballer: Don't have one

Favourite player not with Celtic: Alan Shearer

Which player would you buy for Celtic: Alan Shearer

wrong this season - especially when you consider that although we won nothing last year we still went out on a high in the last game of the season.

"We all expected great things for this season and the signings of Alan Stubbs and Paolo Di Canio just served to whet our eager appetite for what we thought was going to be our year.

"And it almost was - how many Celtic fans can honestly say that they weren't thinking of the double as they left Celtic Park following the

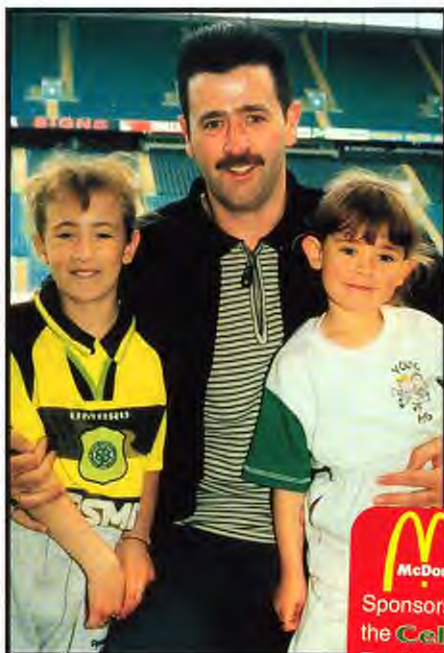
Scottish Cup Old Firm Game?

"As we all know though it just wasn't to be - but you just don't turn into a bad side overnight.

"Whatever happens though I'll still be renewing my season ticket and whatever happens I'll still be a Celtic supporter.

"Being a Celtic fan can be difficult at times but you can't just turn it on and off like a light switch.

"To me being a Celtic fan is different than being a supporter of any other club - it's not just a football club."



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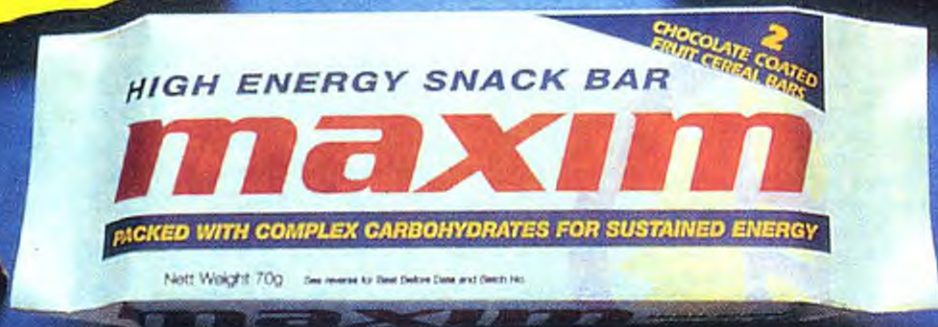


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# Labour of love

**I WAS walking through the front foyer at Celtic Park last Saturday afternoon when a young boy broke off from admiring the European Cup to turn and accost me as I approached the staircase.**

Decked out in green and white, his face was a picture of wide-eyed innocence and he was clearly excited about being inside the hallowed portals of the stadium.

"Do you work for Celtic?", he asked.

It was a question that caught me somewhat off guard and one that I viewed with suspicion, coming only 12 hours after a baying crowd had made plain their unhappiness with the goings-on at the club.

With such thoughts sloshing around my mind, I offered only "Yes" in response to his enquiry, before attempting to scurry up the stairs.

The young fan wasn't letting go, however, and no sooner had my lips closed than he retorted: "Is it good?"

Without thinking, I replied: "Not right now it ain't."

His face dropped and, feeling as if I'd somehow betrayed him, I shot off before he had the opportunity to engage me in further conversation.

People are always assuming that if you work for the club you are somehow cocooned from the highs and lows, immune to the bitter disappointments and concerns of this unique institution that is Celtic Football Club.

If this sounds almost Tommy Burns-ish it might be because he's a man very much on my mind at the minute.

Just like many other Celtic supporters, I'm pretty cut-up about his departure and feel a real sense of loss.

As a youngster Tommy was my favourite player and as anyone who has had heroes will know, they remain with you into adulthood.

I don't think I've ever wanted someone to succeed more than I wanted Tommy when he became the Celtic manager who brought back the glory days and ended Rangers' (seemingly) endless period of domination of our game.

For me, he brought a tremendous dignity to his post and the heart-on-the-sleeve manner with which he expresses his feelings for this club always brings a lump to my throat.

His vision of what Celtic should be achieving on the field and what it should represent off it was one I shared entirely.

I'll miss him and I'm just grateful I'll be able to tell my grandchildren that I got the chance to work at the club I love with the person I loved most of all - the players it has produced.

*Andrew Smith, Editor*





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# Who beat Stewart to a top award?



Kerr... See question 5

- 1 Who scored Scotland's goal in the 2-1 defeat by Sweden last week?
- 2 And which Scot won his 50th cap in that game?
- 3 Against which side did Jorge Cadete score his 30th goal of the season?
- 4 Which player returned to the Italian team with a goal last week after years in the international wilderness?
- 5 Who pipped Stewart Kerr to the Players' Young Player of the Year award this season?
- 6 And who won the young players' award last season?
- 7 Which keeper, according to the papers, are Celtic and Newcastle in a £4million battle for?
- 8 Ex-Bhoys Gary Holt left Celtic Park for which club before signing for Kilmarnock?
- 9 Name the two teams that will contest the English FA Cup final this season.
- 10 Jorge Cadete is the Premier League's top scorer, but who is second?
- 11 Who did the Celtic youth team beat 5-0 in the final of the Glasgow Cup last week?
- 12 Which team won the Scottish Third Division this season?
- 13 Scotland under-21's lost 2-1 to Sweden last week but which player netted to become the Scots' all-time top scorer at that level?
- 14 And who previously held the Scotland under-21 scoring record?
- 15 Bamsley were promoted to the Premiership last week, but can you name their Scottish strikers?
- 16 Which Celtic player scored his only goal of this season against Kilmarnock?
- 17 What nationality is Killie keeper Dragoje Lekovic?
- 18 Who scored Killie's goal in their Scottish Cup semi-final win over Dundee United?
- 19 And which club did they sign that player from?
- 20 Name the two young Kilmarnock wingers that have recently been called into the Scotland under-21 squad.

## ANSWERS

1. Kevin Gallacher
2. Gary McAllister
3. Aberdeen
4. Roberto Baggio
5. Dundee United's Robbie Winters
6. Jackie McNamara
7. Blackburn's Shay Given
8. Stoke City
9. Chelsea and David Bagan
10. Gerry Creaney
11. John Hendrie and Andy Liddell
12. Jackie McNamara
13. Yugoslavian
14. Jim McIntyre
15. Airdrie
16. David Bagan and Alex Burke
17. Partick Thistle
18. Billy Dodds
19. Billy Dodds
20. Middlesbrough

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Your comments and opinions are also welcomed here and we haven't been short of them this week.

First to call was *Jane McHugh* from Blantyre:

"Fergus McCann should be allowed to get on with his plan for Celtic without interference from the media."

Next was a split on opinion over the departure of Tommy Burns - *Bill Gordon* from Glasgow said: "Tommy Burns had to go, he had long enough and brought us limited success."

*Jim Wright* also from Glasgow disagreed: "Tommy should have had five years just like Fergus McCann has."

\* Too many winners to list here - but all prizes are on their way.



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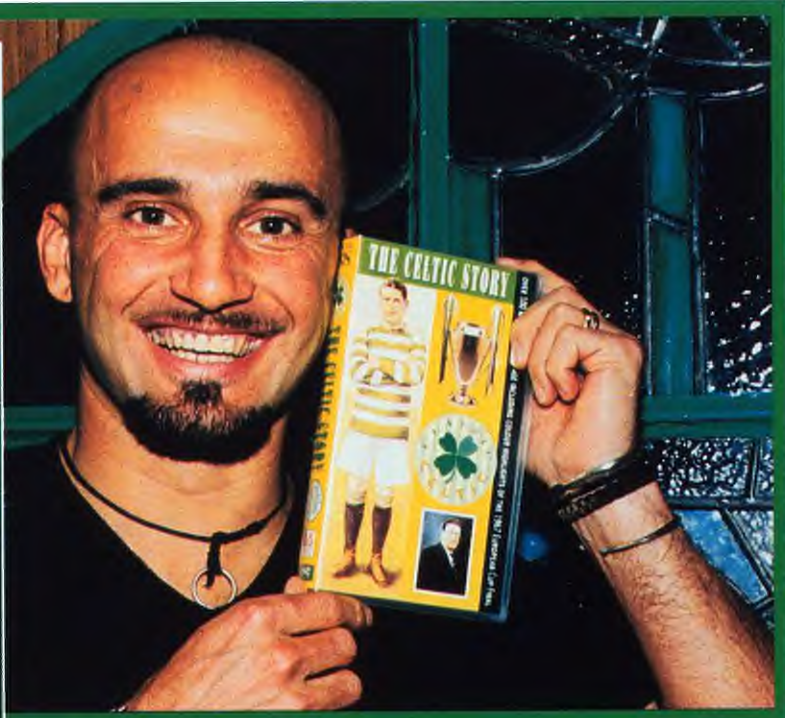
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Get on your bike this evening and get down to the fast food outlets to purchase a large soft drink to be in with a chance of winning one of seven great mountain bikes, sponsored by Britvic Soft Drinks.

When you purchase your drink you will receive a free entry voucher for a



prize draw. The draw will be made at half-time in Saturday's final league clash of the season at Celtic Park against Dundee United.

Those wanting to take part can purchase their drink throughout opening times during tonight's game against Kilmarnock and up until kick-off at the Dundee United match.





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agonising, gut  
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