

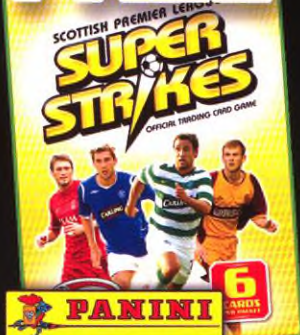
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Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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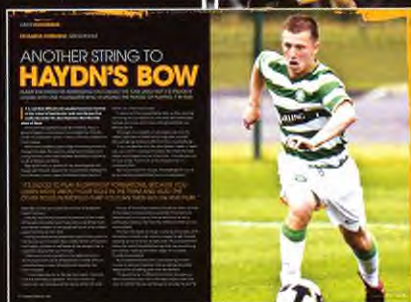
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"WE ALL WANT SUCCESS AT THIS FOOTBALL CLUB. IT'S WHAT WE WORK AT EVERY SINGLE DAY AND IT'S WHAT WE ARE STRIVING TO DO HERE."

IT'S been a difficult few days for everyone connected with the club and there's no denying the fact that it was a major disappointment to lose against Aalborg on Tuesday night.

It was a game where we had to win to maintain our participation in European football and for most of the match we were the better side. Going a goal up through Barry Robson's header was no more than our play had merited up to that point and I felt that one goal would be good enough as Aalborg had no real chances and Artur had hardly a save to make.

Yet, our inability to keep clean sheets away from home has been our downfall.

I felt we did enough to win and it's hard to criticise the players after they produced a performance like that, because I thought it was among our better away European displays.

We were in control, we created chances but we never took them and ultimately, that contributed to our downfall.

The result, and the consequences of it, have left all of us hurting - coaches, players and supporters.

We all want success at this football club. It's what we work

at every single day and it's what we are striving to do here.

That continues to be the case and, as in previous seasons, our number one priority remains the league championship.

Our success in winning the title these past three years has enabled us to compete in the UEFA Champions League and our aim is to win the title again to make sure we're back in that competition again next season.

The players have coped tremendously well with an unprecedented amount of injuries to our squad, as well as the extra demands of our European fixtures and the pressure that comes with being Champions, when we know every one of our opponents are determined to try and beat us.

That will be the case again this afternoon with the visit of Inverness Caley Thistle to Celtic Park.

Craig Brewster's side have been difficult opponents in the past and I've no doubt they will be again today.

We have a tremendous record in domestic games immediately after European matches, something that we've worked hard to achieve and of which we're extremely proud.

So the players will be giving everything to get all three points today and, with your backing, let's hope that will be the case.

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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,
2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06,
2006-07, 2007-08

Scottish Cup Winners [34 times]

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,
2004, 2005, 2007

League Cup Winners [13 times]

1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68,
1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83, 1997-98,
1999-00, 2000-01, 2005-06

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Celtic Football Club

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Formed: 1888

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Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours:

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white socks

Away strip colours:

Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks

Record attendance:

92,000 v Rangers, 1938

Record victory:

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

Record defeat:

0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

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 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
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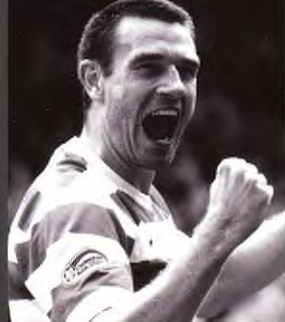
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EVEN now, four days after the Aalborg game, I still can't believe we lost it. To have dominated a game in terms of possession and chances created yet to end up on the losing side is a hard one to take and everyone in the squad is absolutely gutted, first of all that we lost, but also because it means we won't have European football after Christmas.

It was one of our best away performances and when we took the lead it was no more than we deserved. But to lose two late goals was a real blow to everyone.

However, we can't let it get us down or distract us from our league campaign. The key to our success over the past three years has been our ability to focus only on the game ahead of us.

We can't change what's gone before so we can't look back and we never want to look too far ahead.

So from the moment we reported back to training at Lennoxton on Thursday morning, we've been working on today's game against Inverness Caley Thistle and how we can achieve our goal of getting all three points.

What we have to show is the skill, determination and attitude that has won us three championships in a row and

sees up currently leading the table with a four-point cushion.

We also know that no prizes are handed out at this time of year so we have to keep winning in order to get our hands on the SPL trophy next May.

I've said it many times before that your support is vital in all of this and today is a day when we'll need your backing.

I know you'll all be disappointed at how things turned out in midweek - believe me, we all feel the exact same - but it's only by sticking together that we'll go on bring more success and silverware to the club.

Here's hoping that we can take another step towards that this afternoon.

STEPHEN McMANUS



TODAY'S VISITORS

WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN



INVERNESS CT

AUGUST

Since making the step up to the top table in season 2004/05, the side from the Highland capital have yet to finish in the top six but it's a target they are sure to have set their sights on this season...

And they couldn't have got off to a better start after the computer lined them up with a Northern derby against Aberdeen in their season opener.

Despite losing a host of first-team names in the close season, Inverness CT claimed their first scalp of the term in the Pittodrie opener with Andrew Barrowman netting their first goal in the 17th minute and Roy McBain tied things up in the 90th minute to record a 2-0 win for the visitors.

Caley were also to finish the opening month of the season with an away win but they didn't have it all their own way in between times as their first home game of the season was to prove.

The visitors were SPL new boys Hamilton Accies and ICT should have been more aware than anyone of the dangers posed by new arrivals with a point to prove - especially as the Lanarkshire side had shocked Dundee United the previous week with a 3-1 win.

Richard Offiong scored the only goal of the game just before the break to mark a defeat in what was the first of two consecutive home matches for Caley.

Next up were Hibernian and Don Cowie put the home side ahead in the 21st minute but Colin Nish equalised immediately after the break and the game finished 1-1.

There was a break from league action next and Division Two strugglers Arbroath welcomed Caley to Gayfield in the League Cup and the home side took the lead before Iain Vigurs and Garry Wood put ICT ahead - until the 87th minute when a penalty tied the game.

Extra-time produced no more goals and Barrowman was red-carded right in the final minute but Caley pulled through 4-2 on penalties.

The month ended with that other away win but Falkirk had taken the lead on the hour-mark only for Cowie and Dougie Imrie to tie things up with the winner coming five minutes from the end.

At A Glance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LG	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
LC	1	0	1	0	2	2	
Total	5	2	2	1	7	5	



SEPTEMBER

The following month threw up four games for Caley, two of which were away from home but they were to, at last, win a home league game and also maintain an interest in the League Cup.

First up though was another home defeat as St Mirren came calling but things looked different when summer-signing Adam Rooney opened his account from the spot just two minutes before the break.

The Buddies pulled one back through Billy Memhet and Garry Brady hit his only goal of the season so far just 10 minutes from the end to give the Saints a 2-1 win.

Tynecastle was next on the agenda and a Saulius Mikoliunas goal in the eighth minute was all that separated the teams as ICT ran Hearts close.

Another break came with a trip to Greenock in the League Cup and, once more Caley were troubled by a lower league

club when Morton took the lead but Richard Hastings equalised shortly before the end to take ICT into another extra-time battle.

Dougie Imrie hit the winner in the second period of extra-time and Caley were through once again but a league visit from Kilmarnock was on the more immediate horizon and when Conor Sammon gave the Ayrshire side the lead as early as the fourth minute, it looked like the same old story for Caley.

However, Phil McGuire, Barrowman from the spot again, and Ian Black all found the net for a 3-1 home win to finish off the month on a high.

At A Glance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LG	3	1	0	2	4	4	3
LC	1	1	0	0	2	1	
Total	4	2	0	2	6	5	

OCTOBER

This was a bit of a black month for Inverness CT with three league defeats, all by the same 2-1 scoreline, and elimination from the League Cup.

First up was a trip to Tannadice where Craig Brewster would try and engineer a win over his old charges but it wasn't to be Caley's day - even their counter in the 2-1 defeat was an own goal in the 90th minute by Lee Wilkie.

The game was gone by then though as Jonathan Daly struck five minutes before the break while Wilkie scored at the proper end of the park in the 65th minute - rendering his later faux pas meaningless in the bigger picture.

Caley returned home to lick their wounds and prepare for the visit of Celtic a fortnight later but there was to be no shock this time.

Scott Brown opened the scoring in the 48th minute and Glenn Loovens added another in the 65th and although Garry Wood pulled one back four minutes later, another home loss was suffered by Caley.

A week later they hosted Motherwell and even though ICT took the lead shortly before the break thanks to Adam Rooney, they were still to suffer that 2-1 fate.

Chris Porter equalised in the 69th minute and Bob Malcolm finished off the scoring for the day.

The last game of the month was a League Cup tie at Falkirk but there was to be no extra-time drama this time and there was an element of revenge by John Hughes' side for the earlier league defeat.

Neil McCann struck the only goal of the game in the 36th minute and Inverness CT were out of the League Cup.

At A Glance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LG	3	0	0	3	3	6	0
LC	1	0	0	1	0	1	
Total	4	0	0	4	3	7	

NOVEMBER

Not a bad month points-wise compared to the previous two but, after all their earlier games being reasonably tight score-wise, Caley came a cropper on the first of the month at Ibrox.

All of the counters arrived in the first half with the first coming as early as the seventh minute when Novo opened the scoring. ↩

TODAY'S VISITORS

INVERNESS CT



Kris Boyd added three in quick succession, the third from the spot, before Kenny Miller added the fifth just in time for the turnaround.

There was better news for Caley fans a week later though, when they travelled to Easter Road to take on Hibernian.

Don Cowie gave the visitors the lead after half-an-hour's play and Ian Black doubled Caley's lead two minutes after the break but Hibs' equaliser arrived too late to salvage anything from the game.

It came in the 90th minute from former Celt Derek Riordan, but 2-1 was the final scoreline as Caley racked up their fourth SPL win of the season.

They then faced Falkirk for the third time this term but for the first time up north and when Michael Higdon put the visitors ahead in the 19th minute, it looked like another home loss could be on the way.

Adam Rooney struck with 10 minutes remaining, however, to record a 1-1 draw on the night.

A few days later, Hearts were the next visitors but any hopes

of another home win were knocked on the head when Bruno Aguiar scored the only goal of the game in the 22nd minute.

And so to the most recent action for Inverness CT when they travelled to Kilmarnock last weekend.

The Ayrshire side had recently been vying with Motherwell for the coveted third spot but reversals at home to Rangers and away to Celtic had dented their hopes although they stormed back with a 2-0 win over Dundee United prior to this match.

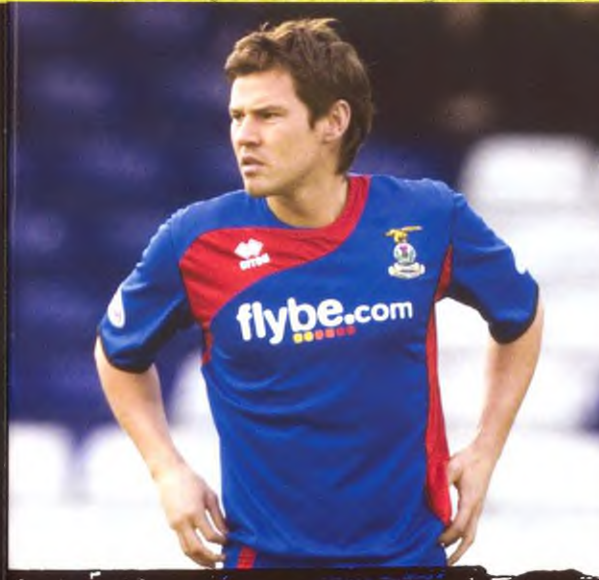
However, Caley's fifth SPL win and fourth on the road was the outcome of this meeting at Rugby Park.

Dougie Imrie opened the scoring in the 14th minute and by half-time the visitors were 2-0 up thanks to Garry Wood.

Willie Gibson pulled one back just five minutes from the end with his first goal of the season but it was too little too late for Killie.

At A Glance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
LG	5	2	1	2	5	9	7



INVERNESS CT'S RESULTS SO FAR

SPL

- Aberdeen 0-2 Inverness CT
- Inverness CT 0-1 Hamilton Accies
- Inverness CT 1-1 Hibernian
- Falkirk 1-2 Inverness CT
- Inverness CT 1-2 St Mirren
- Hearts 1-0 Inverness CT
- Inverness CT 3-1 Kilmarnock
- Dundee United 2-1 Inverness CT
- Inverness CT 1-2 Celtic
- Inverness CT 1-2 Motherwell
- Rangers 5-0 Inverness CT
- Hibernian 1-2 Inverness CT
- Inverness CT 1-1 Falkirk
- Inverness CT 0-1 Hearts
- Kilmarnock 1-2 Inverness CT

Co-operative Insurance Cup

- Arbroath 2-2 Inverness CT
- AET ICT won 4-2 on penalties
- Morton 1-2 Inverness CT
- AET
- Falkirk 1-0 Inverness CT





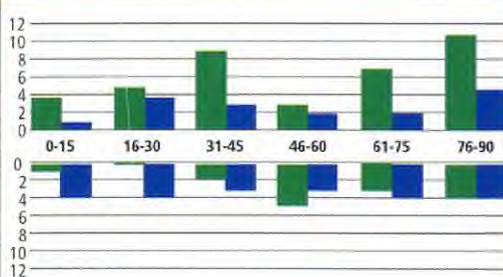
Celtic v Inverness



Where & How Scored

Close range	5
Inside 18yd box	29
Outside 18yd box	5
Shots	28
Headers	3
Volleys	4
Penalties	3
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0

When Scored



Where & How Scored

Close range	1
Inside 18yd box	15
Outside 18yd box	1
Shots	10
Headers	1
Volleys	3
Penalties	2
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	1

Top Goalscorer

Georgios Samaras



league goals	9
cup goals	2
total goals	11
games played	14

Inverness' last 10 years



Top Goalscorer

Don Cowie



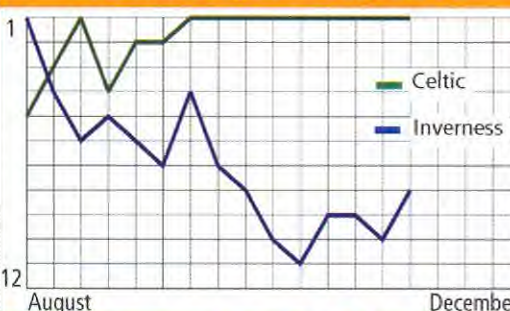
league goals	3
cup goals	0
total goals	3
games played	17

Last 6 Results

opponents	h/a	score
St Mirren	A	3-1
Hamilton	A	2-1
Kilmarnock	H	3-0
Motherwell	H	2-0
Hearts	A	2-0
Hibernian	H	4-2

Form Guide: **WWWWW**

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Last 6 Results

opponents	h/a	score
Kilmarnock	A	2-1
Hearts	H	0-1
Falkirk	H	1-1
Hibernian	A	2-1
Rangers	A	0-5
Motherwell	H	1-2

Form Guide: **WLDWLL**

Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	1
Conceded from free kick	1
Scored from corner	4
Conceded from corner	1
Fouls committed	164
Average per game	10.9
Yellow cards	21
Red cards	2

Last meeting at Celtic Park

Celtic	2-1	Inverness
McDonald 45 Niculae 70 Samaras 61		
Attendance: 56,787 Referee: Collum		
Boruc, Caldwell, Hinkel, Naylor, Fraser, Hastings, Munro, McGuire, McManus, Nakamura, Donati, Tokely, Paatelainen (Wyness 78), Brown Sc, McGeady, Samaras, Cowie, Duncan, Black (McBain 78), McDonald (Killen 83) Imrie, Niculae		
Booked	none	Booked
Sent off	none	Sent off

Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	1
Conceded from free kick	4
Scored from corner	3
Conceded from corner	0
Fouls committed	203
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Yellow cards	23
Red cards	0

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TO THE FORE

WITH NO FEWER THAN FOUR STRIKERS ON THE TREATMENT TABLE, CILLIAN SHERIDAN HAS GRASPED THE NETTLE WITH FOUR SPL GOALS SO FAR BUT HIS HEAD ISN'T IN THE CLOUDS

CILLIAN SHERIDAN walks into the canteen at Celtic's Lennoxtown training ground, takes a seat and then stops the interview as it's about to commence.

'Have you seen these?' he says excitedly, pointing up to the plasma screen showing a reel of football funnies, before dissolving into fits of laughter. The Bhoys has had to become a man in recent weeks, but his feet remain planted firmly on the ground.

Sheridan's emergence at Celtic over the last few months has been one of the stories of the season. With Georgios Samaras, Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, Chris Killen and Scott McDonald all missing games through injury and illness, the 19-year-old was asked to help sustain Celtic's title challenge and responded in an impressive, unassuming fashion.

Before this season, he had played a total of 23 minutes for the Celtic first team. Since mid-September, he has featured in eight SPL matches, scored four crucial league goals and twice faced Manchester United in the UEFA Champions League.

It's been a meteoric rise to prominence for the striker, who was last week name-checked by Republic of Ireland manager Giovanni Trapattoni as "one for the future".

Yet, spend time in the company of the young man from County Cavan and you wouldn't know he is one of the brightest stars in the Scottish game. He has an admirable ability to downplay his exploits.

"It's been a good few months," said Sheridan, with a modesty that will serve him well over the coming years. It's not been easy for me. I've found the games tough at times but it's been enjoyable as well.

"I think it's probably gone as well as I could have expected. It's been brilliant for me to get the chance, but at the same time it's been unfortunate for the other lads who have missed out through injuries.

"I feel I'm improving, but I don't know if I'm now used to playing first-team football. Every game is still really hard, but I'm probably a bit more relaxed about things than I was before. I was maybe a bit uptight in the past but that's natural.

"It's not like that anymore. When the games start, you just forget about everything. You don't think about the crowd or the importance of the game. You just think about playing football."

Highlights of his season so far are plentiful. Lining up alongside his Hoops team-mates at Celtic Park, ready to take on the European champions in Man United, will forever live with him, yet a superb solo goal against Kilmarnock stands out for him.

"I'VE ENJOYED ALL THE GOALS I'VE SCORED AND PLAYING AGAINST MAN UNITED IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WAS A DREAM COME TRUE."



It was a strike that summed up what he is all about. Going to meet Mark Brown's long kick-out, he soared above Fraser Wright, flicked a header to McDonald, accepted the return pass, set himself free with a sublime touch and then slotted a cool finish beyond Alan Combe. It was a goal that belied his tender years.

Sheridan said: "I've enjoyed all the goals I've scored and playing against Man United in the Champions League was a dream come true.

"My first goal against Kilmarnock has been my favourite. When I got the ball back from Scott and took a touch, I realised I was straight in on goal. I managed to keep my composure and I was pleased to get the goal like that."

Yet, Sheridan hasn't had it all his own way since joining Celtic. Upon arriving in Glasgow as a 17-year-old in the summer of 2006, he impressed enough during his first eight months at the club to make relatively quick strides towards the first-team squad.

After a free-scoring spell with the youths and reserves, he made his debut against Inverness Caledonian Thistle in a Scottish Cup tie in February 2007. Days later, he was handed a new contract and a bright future looked assured.

Returning for the start of 2007/08, Sheridan was widely

expected to build on this dream debut season but injuries curtailed his development. He made just a handful of starts for the reserves, while his first-team input was limited to one brief substitute appearance late in the campaign.

Gordon Strachan, however, remained convinced that Sheridan "had something". The Irishman spent his formative years playing GAA and developed a unique, effective leap, while his pace and power, allied to a useful left peg, ensured there was plenty to work with.

Sheridan has grafted hard and will continue to do so. In games, training and during DVD coaching sessions, he has taken a lot on board since the start of the season. Yet, he knows he is nowhere near the finished article.

"I just want to keep working hard," said Sheridan. "It's been stop-start over the last 18 months with all the injuries but I feel I'm getting there now.

"I was in the first-team squad for the final few games of last season and that was a boost. I was also involved in this pre-season campaign but then I got injured and you start to worry a bit. Thankfully, I've managed to get my chance again but I have a lot of work ahead of me."

Today's SPL opponents, Caley Thistle, will always hold special significance for Sheridan. It was against the

CILLIAN SHERIDAN

Highlanders, almost two years ago now, that Sheridan was handed his big chance for Celtic.

What does he remember about that day? Not a lot as it turns out. He remembers going on with Celtic losing 1-0. He remembers going off having played his part in a 2-1 win. In between, it's all a blur.

"I don't remember too much about that game, I just remember the manager telling me to get ready," said Sheridan, who set up Kenny Miller for the winning goal that day.

"When I managed to get on the pitch, it all went so quickly. Afterwards, everyone was saying well done and I had loads of texts, but it all happened in a flash.

"I went on with 15 minutes remaining and it was pretty

tense. We were 1-0 down but we got two late goals and the scenes were great at the final whistle. We went on to win the Scottish Cup that season, so it was a vital win.

"I had a hand in the winner and that was a dream for me on my debut. The only thing that would have bettered it would have been to score the winner but it was still a great experience.

"I've played against Caley Thistle a couple of times now but never at Celtic Park. They are a competitive side, but we're just focusing on maintaining our winning run in the league.

"To win 11 SPL games in succession is good going, but we are not getting carried away. It's been a good spell for us, but there's a long way to go in the season."



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On This Day In History

2003

CELTIC'S last action on this day came back in 2003 when Partick Thistle were the visitors to Celtic Park.

And it was the Jags, during their last campaign in the top flight of Scottish football, who took the lead after just 12 minutes when James Grady scored to stun the home crowd.

However, that lead lasted for all of 11 minutes before Henrik Larsson equalised for the Hoops and with the nine minutes of the first-half remaining, Chris Sutton gave Celtic the lead.

And on the hour mark, the big Englishman grabbed his second of the afternoon to give Celtic a 3-1 victory over the Firhill side.

Of the Celtic squad who played against Thistle, only Shaun Maloney is part of the current set-up, though he was an unused substitute that day.

2000

It was a goalless draw on this day in 2000 when Celtic travelled through to Edinburgh to take on Hibernian at Easter Road in this midweek clash.

On a night when the elements played their part, with the wind ruining any chance of an entertaining encounter, Celtic did manage to put the ball in the back of the net through Johan Mjallby after just eight minutes but referee Stuart Dougal disallowed the goal for an apparent infringement by the Swedish defender as he went for the ball from a Bobby Petta corner.

Playing for Hibernian that night was Mixu Paatelainen, now manager of the Easter Road outfit.

1980

Celtic travelled through to Tannadice and recorded what ultimately proved to be a comfortable 3-0 victory over Dundee United.

However, the three goals didn't come until the second half and it was Tom McAdam who gave the Hoops the lead just before the hour mark when he fired home beyond Hamish McAlpine in the United goal.

Midfielder John Weir doubled Celtic's lead 20 minutes later and the scoring was complete in the last minute of the game when Dundee United defender Paul Hegarty put through his own net.

1969

It was the battle of the Hoops at Cappielow back in 1969 and it was the green and whites who came out on top with a 3-0 win over Morton.

Lou Macari opened the scoring for Celtic after just eight minutes and it looked as though Jock Stein's side would go on from there to record a comfortable victory.

But they found Morton to be stuffy opponents and it took until the 78th minute before Celtic doubled their lead thanks to Harry Hood.

Willie Wallace's goal with just four minutes remaining set the seal on the victory for the reigning Champions.

1948

Former Celtic goalkeeper Davy Adams passed away at the age of 55 on this day in 1948.

The 6ft keeper was part of Celtic's famous six-in-a-row side of 1905-10 and must be considered amongst the very

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best stoppers ever to have played for the club.

He made his debut against Hibernian on September 26, 1903, keeping a clean sheet in a 1-0 home win over Hibernian.

And he would go on to make a total of 291 appearances, recording 124 shut-outs, an impressive 43% success rate.

As well as the six league championships, Adams also won three Scottish Cups in 1904, '07 and '08, while he also held the unique distinction of being the last goalkeeper to wear the Hoops (when all 11 players wore the same shirt) and the first Celtic keeper to wear a yellow jersey in November 1910.

Davy Adams made his final appearance for the club on December 2, 1911 in a 3-1 home win against St Mirren.

He retired at the end of that season, his place assured amongst the Celtic greats.

1941

Celtic faced Albion Rovers in the Scottish League Southern Division on this day in 1941 and the sides served up an entertaining 4-4 draw.

Jimmy Delaney scored twice for the Hoops, with the

other goals coming from Frank Murphy and Matt Lynch.

Bizarrely, Celtic's previous game, a home match against Hearts, had also finished 4-4, when Delaney also netted twice.

1921

Tommy McNally scored both goals for Celtic against Third Lanark in the Unemployment Cup, with the Hoops winning 2-1. However, they lost 2-0 to Rangers in the next round of the competition.

McNally made 213 appearances for Celtic between 1919-22, and then again between 1925-28 after a spell with Third Lanark. And he netted a total of 127 goals for the Hoops, including a hat-trick he scored on his debut against Clydebank in August 1919.

1902

Celtic's first action on this day came back in 1902 when they faced Dundee at Celtic Park.

And the match ended in a 2-2 draw in front of a crowd of 8,000. Willie Orr and Davie Hamilton scored the goals for the Celts, who would have a disappointing league campaign, finishing fifth.

HELLO

- 1832** Little Women author Louisa May Alcott is born in Germantown, Pennsylvania
1949 Birth of comedian Garry Shandling.
1963 Actor Andrew McCarthy star of the 1980s classic, *Pretty in Pink*, is born.

GOODBYE

- 1530** Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, adviser to England's King Henry VIII, dies.
1981 Actress Natalie Wood drowns off the coast of Santa Catalina at the age of 43.
1986 Actor Cary Grant dies in Davenport, Iowa, at the age of 82.

TIMELINE

- 1887** The United States receives the rights to Pearl Harbor, on Oahu, Hawaii.
1963 The Beatles release *'I Want to Hold Your Hand'*.
1969 The Beatles' *'Come Together'* single goes to No.1 in the United States.

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| 1964 | The Supremes | <i>Baby Love</i> |
| 1969 | The Archies | <i>Sugar Sugar</i> |
| 1974 | David Essex | <i>Gonna Make You A Star</i> |
| 1979 | The Police | <i>Walking on the Moon</i> |
| 1984 | Jim Diamond | <i>I Should Have Known Better</i> |
| 1989 | Jive Bunny | <i>Let's Party</i> |
| 1994 | Pato Banton | <i>Baby Come Back</i> |
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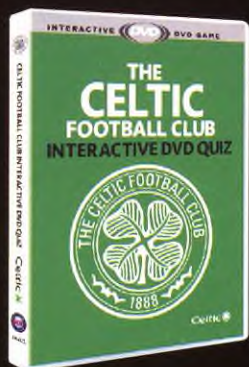
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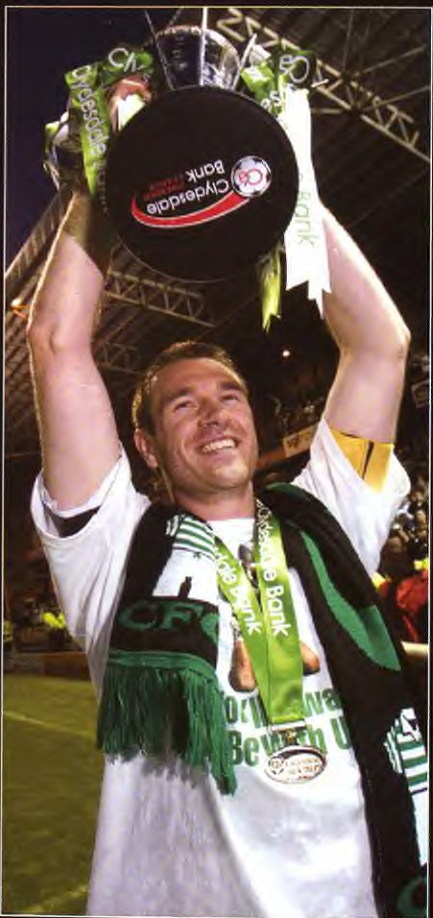
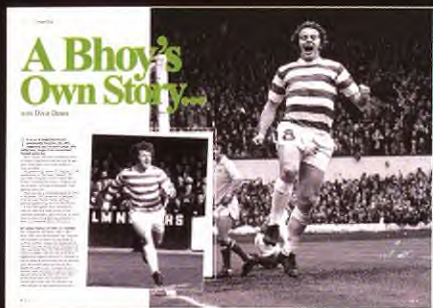
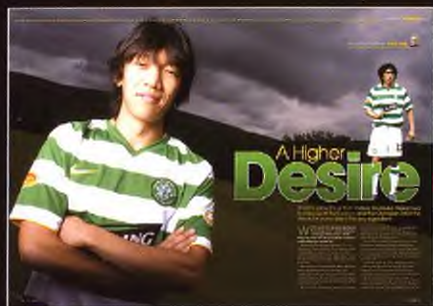
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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

September 15, 2007: Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink celebrates one of his two goals.



TODAY'S match is only the fourteenth league encounter between Celtic and Inverness Caley Thistle, with Celtic having won 10 of those encounters to Caley Thistle's one victory last season. The other two matches were drawn.

The first league clash between the sides came in August 2004 when the Hoops travelled to Inverness and won 3-1 thanks to goals from Stilian Petrov and a John Hartson double.

Prior to that match, there had been three cup-ties, with the Highland twice knocking Celtic out of the Scottish Cup.

Last season, the sides met three times, with Celtic winning both encounters in Glasgow but losing 3-2 in Inverness.

Ahead of this afternoon's clash, we look back at those three matches, along with the game at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium in October this year.

Celtic 5-0 Inverness CT

September 15, 2007

The Champions enjoyed a comprehensive victory over Inverness Caley Thistle, back in September 2007, hitting five goals without reply. Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink got

the scoring underway after just 15 minutes and it proved an uphill task for the visitors after that.

Massimo Donati added a second goal for Celtic just before the break and Gordon Strachan's side fired home another three after the break.

Vennegoor of Hesselink scored his second of the afternoon just on the hour mark, the goal coming three minutes after Shunsuke Nakamura had made it 3-0.

And to complete an afternoon of misery for the visitors, defender Phil McGuire put through his own net with 20 minutes to go to give Celtic a 5-0 victory.

Inverness CT 3-2 Celtic

December 16, 2007

Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink hit another two goals against Inverness Caley Thistle, both strikes coming in a two-minute spell in the first-half.

With Celtic 2-0 ahead and in total control of the game, the eventual result was one that very few, if anyone Tulloch Caledonian Stadium would have predicted.

John Rankin pulled a goal back for the home side from the penalty spot three minutes before the break, and in the

second half, goals from David Proctor and Don Cowie around the hour mark gave Caley Thistle an unlikely 3-2 lead.

But it was a lead that they would defend ferociously, and even after they were reduced to 10 men on 68 minutes when one of the goalscorers, Proctor, was red-carded, they still hung on for a memorable victory, though a devastating one as far as Celtic were concerned.

Celtic 2-1 Inverness CT

February 27, 2008

Goals from Scott McDonald and Georgios Samaras were enough to give Celtic all three points in the final league meeting with Inverness Caley Thistle last season, though a goal by Marius Nicolae with 20 minutes of the match remaining ensured it would be a nervy finish at Celtic Park.

Celtic's first goal came on the stroke of half-time as a result of a Shunsuke Nakamura free-kick, just after Markus Paatelainen had been warned for a foul on Andreas Hinkel around 25 yards out on the right touchline.

The set-piece was fired in with devastating accuracy, spinning across the six-yard box where it was snapped up greedily by Scott McDonald.



February 27, 2008:

Scott McDonald celebrates his goal.

October 18, 2008: Glenn Loovens celebrates his goal.



Georgios Samaras headed Celtic into a two-goal lead just after the hour mark, not long after he had been denied by the post.

And Gordon Strachan's side secured all three minutes despite Inverness Caley Thistle pressure in the closing stages of the game following Nicolae's strike.

Inverness CT 1-2 Celtic

October 18, 2008

It was a strong performance by the champions at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium in October this year, and though there was only one-goal in it, the Celts gave one of their most impressive showings at a ground which has proved tricky in the past.

Scott Brown netted Celtic's opener three minutes after the break and the Hoops' Dutch defender, Glenn Loovens, powered home a head on 65 minutes to give Celtic a two-goal lead.

Garry Wood pulled a goal back for the home side just four minutes later, but Gordon Strachan's side showed great strength of character and determination to win the match.



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A is for Adversary. Who was your toughest opponent?

I found big Ronnie McKinnon from Rangers a tough opponent. Big Ronnie was a great centre-half, very composed, he read the game well and was quick and sharp. I played against some great defenders, but Ronnie's the one that stands out in my memory as being particularly tough to play against.

B is for Boss. Just how big an influence was Jock Stein on your career?

I think Jock was a massive influence on everyone who worked with him. He signed me from Motherwell when I was under suspension and I went to Celtic Park and was never in bother again. Big Jock had a huge influence on my career and on everyone at the club at the time. He was a great manager.

C is for Chompers. Did you ever get your teeth back after that game against St Johnstone in 1976?

(Laughs) Neilly Mochan found one of them! I went in for a diving header and caught a boot in the mouth. The thing that annoyed me the most was that I had a night out to go to in Glasgow that night! But he did a good job on me, he kicked them clean out!

D is for Double. You hit a double hat-trick against Partick Thistle in 1973 and by all accounts could have got a treble - was that your best performance?

No, not at all. I scored six goals that day, but I would say that I had better games, games where I was more satisfied with my own performance but might have only got one or two goals. It was a tremendous day, scoring six is a great feat, but I wouldn't have said it was my best game. I still have the ball from that game, signed by all the players and Big Jock Stein and also Jimmy McGrory, who was there that day and that ball will be with me for many years to come. I'll pass that on to my wee Grandson, Jack, one day.

E is for Europe. The team was consistently reaching the latter stages of European competitions during your era. Can you pick a highlight?

One in particular that sticks out was the game against Basel, where we had to beat them at Celtic Park to go through. We won 3-1 and I scored the third goal to seal the game. Basel were a really good side then, one of the favourites to go on and do well in the competition, so that was an important result against a really good team.

F is for Final. You were the last player to net hat-tricks in two major Scottish finals. You seemed to enjoy the big occasion...

I always felt confident going into games, no matter what the occasion. I did score two hat-tricks, but Big Jock also dropped me for a few finals as well. I often thought, 'why are you not playing me?' But I was always up for the big occasion, like everybody else. My hat-tricks both came in finals against Hibs and I had a great record against them. Hibs were a quality side then. They were a great side and were favourites to win the Scottish Cup in the year we beat them, so that was really satisfying.

G is for Goals. Of the 124 you scored in 184 games in the Hoops, can you pick a favourite?

We were down playing Ayr United one day and won by quite a margin. There was a kick-out from Evan Williams and as the ball dropped, just over the halfway line, I headed it over the centre half and turned and volleyed it. I must have been 40 yards away and it went into the roof of the net. What a goal it was! It must have been one of the best you've seen, but there were no cameras there that day to prove it. Over the years quite a few supporters have said to me, 'wee man, I remember that goal you scored at Ayr United'. I tell them, 'Thank God you saw it'. It was a tremendous goal, I hit it straight on the volley.

H is for Header. You weren't the biggest, but were renowned for your ability in the air. What was your secret?

I just had that ability to get up there. Timing was the key. I loved beating bigger players in the air. I got great kicks out it, 🏈



going up against players who were well over six feet tall and out-jumping them. I've always said that's why Big Jock signed me. He saw me playing against Billy McNeill when I was with Motherwell and I used to beat Big Billy in the air! (Laughs) I am always reminding Billy about that!

I is for Internationals. You won just two caps for Scotland. Should you have had more?

I was quite upset that I didn't get more caps. I think that Jock withdrew me from a couple of squads because we had big games coming up, but I thought I should have had more caps. It just didn't happen, but I was delighted with the two caps that I got. Caps in those days weren't easy to come by. There were less games and the quality of player in Scotland at that time was first class. You had so many players fighting for the one position. I was happy with my two caps, I feel I should have had more, but I realise that you don't have a divine right to play for your country. If the manager prefers someone else, that's their choice. The two caps that I did win mean so much to me, though.

J is for Juniors. How valuable was the 'education' you received as a teenager at Neilston Juniors?

It was priceless and I believe that today that kind of experience is lacking in some players. I've always viewed football as a trade, just like anything else and those early years in the juniors were your apprenticeship. There were a lot of former professionals playing in the juniors at that time

and what you gained was invaluable experience. The juniors helped me a lot, because when my time came to go to Motherwell I was ready to play in the first team. I understand that the game's changed now, but my time in the juniors helped me immensely.

K is for Kaka. Which modern players do you most enjoy watching?

I enjoy watching players like Ronaldo at Man United, but I can't abide the diving, particularly when they are good enough not to have to do it. Didier Drogba at Chelsea is another player who is guilty of that at times. But I love Wayne Rooney and you never see him diving at all. He battles and even though he is a great player, if he loses the ball, he's back chasing. He also seems to be a level-headed boy and Alex Ferguson probably has a lot to do with that. I was actually talking to Martin Ferguson about him when he was up here recently and said he's a great professional. I love watching him.

L is for Laughter. You were known as a bit of a prankster in the dressing room, but who was your funniest team-mate?

(Laughs) Pat McCluskey was a great laugh and so was wee Jinky - you always got a laugh from wee Jinky. Davie Hay was another who had a great sense of humour. He'd sit there quite quietly in the dressing room, but he had this dry sense of humour and some great one-liners. I'd say they were the three players who made me laugh the most.



M is for Mentor. Who helped you as a young player?

Matt Thomson, who passed away just last year there, was a great influence. I went to Motherwell as a boy and Matt was the captain and right away, he pulled me aside and began to offer advice and help. I actually worked for Matt part-time with Alex Ferguson, the two of us were reps for his Thomson Litho Printing Company out in East Kilbride. He always tried to guide me in the right direction and if I was out of line, he was the first to say. He always encouraged me to look to life after football and encouraged me to do things in my spare time that would give me a career when I finished. Of course, there were times when I strayed, but Matt always put me in the right way. He was a great man and a lovely guy.

N is for Nickname. Did you ever meet the original 'Dixie' Dean?

No, I did not and now that you've mentioned that, this gives me a chance to clear something up. There's a rumour gone around for years that I don't like being called Dixie, but it's not true. Apparently, the original Dixie didn't like being called that, but I do. People come into my pub and say, 'I'll call you John, I know you don't like being called Dixie'. I tell them they can call me what they want (laughs)! I love being Dixie, I've always been Dixie, right since my junior days. Unfortunately I never met the original Dixie, but I would have loved to, I heard he scored a goal or two!

O is for Oz. You are still regarded as a hero in Adelaide for your goalscoring exploits with City in the Australian league. How do you look back on that experience?

I love Australia and my two boys are out there. I had great times there and when I went there, football was just starting to establish itself. We flew all over the place to play in the National League and the standard was pretty good. You had people from all over the world playing in it, Germans, Italians, Greeks, Eastern Europeans, you had every nationality playing. I loved playing for Adelaide and did alright there, I was top goalscorer and did well with the club. It was actually an Italian team that I played for and you know what the Italians are like, if you are doing well for them they'll do anything for you. They called me 'Dixaro'! I have great memories from playing in Australia, I still love going back today and have some great friends and my family out there. In fact, I am going back out there again in January.

P is for Paradise. How do you enjoy your current work as a match-day ambassador at Celtic Park?

I love it and it keeps you involved in the game and in touch with the Celtic supporters. You hear some great stories and you get some great banter. You also get a great laugh with the other lads who work there - Bobby Lennox, Tommy Callaghan,

George McCluskey and the rest of the boys. We get on great together, we always did when we played together, but we've never lost touch and when we get together it's great, it's like a family in a lot of ways. It really is tremendous and I love being involved in the club and going to the games.

Q is for Quality Street. Was that group of young players who emerged in the Seventies the best you worked with?

I think so and when I joined the team, they had either broken through or were well on their way to playing regularly in the first team. Kenny Dalglish was in the team, as was George Connelly, Danny McGrain, Vic Davidson, Jimmy Quinn, Pat McCluskey, wee Lou Macari, Davie Hay, it was a tremendous squad of players. The battle for a place in the team was immense and in fact, I would have said we had a better squad than the Lisbon Lions! (Laughs) Make sure you put that in!

R is for Room-mate. Who were you usually in with on away trips?

Big Billy was my room-mate. He was the captain, so Big Jock told him to look after me. He was a good room-mate, but I can't help but think that he was the one who got the rougher deal being in with me. I was a smoker in those days and Billy always tells stories of me, hanging out the window. I also liked a wee blether and I was a late bedder. There'd be nights when he'd say, 'come on Dixie, it's two in the morning! We've got a game tomorrow!'

S is for Supporters. You were a fans' favourite and were cheered on to the park after your European Cup semi-final penalty miss. How do you look back on your relationship with the Celtic faithful?

I was lucky enough to have a great rapport with the fans and that might have been summed up perfectly by that penalty miss. I was terrified going out for the next game on the Saturday. We were playing Motherwell at home and I thought I might have got a bit of stick, but Jock reassured me, 'those fans won't shout at you, they're on your side'. I got a standing ovation when I came out the tunnel that day and felt 10 feet tall. We beat Motherwell and I scored two. There was a penalty kick and the whole stadium erupted, 'we want Dixie!' I just put my hands up and shook my head as if to say, 'no blooming way!' I didn't take it, but the fans were great. Even to this day I still have a great rapport with them and it's something I really appreciate. The Celtic supporters are the best in the world.

T is for Temper. You arrived at the club with a bit of a reputation as a hot head but never had any disciplinary problems at Celtic Park - what changed?

I think I was really frustrated at Fir Park. I wanted away and knew that Celtic had made an offer for me the year before, 🐸



as had other clubs, like Newcastle and I had been told that. But Motherwell just wouldn't let me go and my frustration started to show in matches. Having said that, three of the times I was sent off it was the same referee, ID Foot, who did it. Two of them, I still say to this day, were way over the top. The first one, though, I can have no complaints about, because I stiffened wee Jinky at Celtic Park! I couldn't argue with that one because I just turned round and whacked him! Luckily, he never ever held it against me and me and the wee man ended up great pals.

U is for Unbelievable. What is the best goal that you have seen?

That's easy. That one I scored down at Ayr!

V is Voodoo. Did you have any pre-match rituals or superstitions?

I did not. Jim Brogan was awful for it, though. He had so many. He'd have his shoes in the one place in the dressing room every day and stepped off the bench straight into them. We nailed them to the floor once! But I didn't have any superstitions.

W is for Winner. What was your most satisfying victory?

I think the 1972 Scottish Cup final win over Hibs. They were favourites that day, they were a great team and I'll never forget Jock's interview afterwards. We were interviewed together and the reporter asked which domestic cup win had given him the most satisfaction. He replied, 'This one. And I'll tell you why,

because you made them favourites.' That was my first final and I got a hat-trick, so that one was my favourite.

X is for X-ray. What was your worst injury?

A broken jaw that I got at Falkirk and I can't remember who did it. I still remember Bob Rooney coming on and he told me, 'you're alright, on you go'. So I started running and I just couldn't run with the pain from it. They took me off and it was then that they realised I had a broken jaw. I've had broken noses, cracked jaws, but fortunately nothing serious.

Y is for Yuletide. What was it like to play on Christmas Day?

It was weird. There were no buses running and people were quite concerned about what the turn-out was going to be like. It was good though, people walked for miles to get there and I think I am the last person to score for Celtic on Christmas Day. It was weird, though, going up to the ground and the streets were deserted. There was no traffic, no people on the streets and the roads were deserted all the way through from Paisley. It was actually quite eerie.

Z is for Zenith. What would you say was your greatest achievement as a player?

Being nominated for the Celtic Hall of Fame. I was given a medal for it and it means a lot to me, just to be included among those great players. Just standing there alongside those great players and being recognised in the history of a great club like Celtic is one of my proudest achievements.

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ANOTHER STRING TO HAYDN'S BOW

INJURY-ENFORCED RE-ARRANGING HAS CALLED THE TUNE LATELY BUT IT'S STRUCK A CHORD WITH ONE YOUNGSTER WHO IS SINGING THE PRAISES OF PLAYING IT BY EAR

It is said that difficult and valuable lessons are learned in the 'school of hard knocks' and, over the past few weeks the Under-19s, have had more than their fair share of them.

With John McLaughlan's squad decimated by injury, a group of largely untried players have stepped up from the Under-17s to take their place in what is a fiercely competitive Youth League.

While every Academy player longs for an early promotion through the ranks, the past few weeks have not been plain-sailing and their enthusiasm has been dented by a frustrating series of defeats and draws.

Playing for Celtic, a club which has dominated the U19 league over the past decade and is expected to challenge for the title every season, means that the set-backs have not

before was a hard one to take.

"It wasn't as if they played better than us, they were big and strong and just bullied us in the end. We tried to play football, but it just didn't work in the end and that was difficult for us.

"We've got around eight or nine players out now," he added, "and a few of them are out long-term, so that's obviously going to have an affect on how you are playing.

"If you are playing with the same players, week-in, week-out, you start to create partnerships. But when the team chops and changes the way it has done, it knocks you out of your stride. It's difficult to build a good run of consistent form.

"But we can't look for excuses, the challenge for us is to go out and play good football and win some games."

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been easy to take, particularly for the likes of midfielder, Haydn Cochrane.

A skilful, but fiercely competitive presence in the middle of the park, the Airdrie-born 17-year-old is one of the more experienced members of the squad and is now in his second season full-time at Celtic Park.

Having watched several players step up from the youths to the reserves and first team, most notably former U19 captain, Paul Caddis, Cochrane is well aware of the standard that is required to play further up the levels.

There are, however, benefits to be taken from their recent experience and as he explained, in these difficult circumstances a player's strengths and character are often revealed.

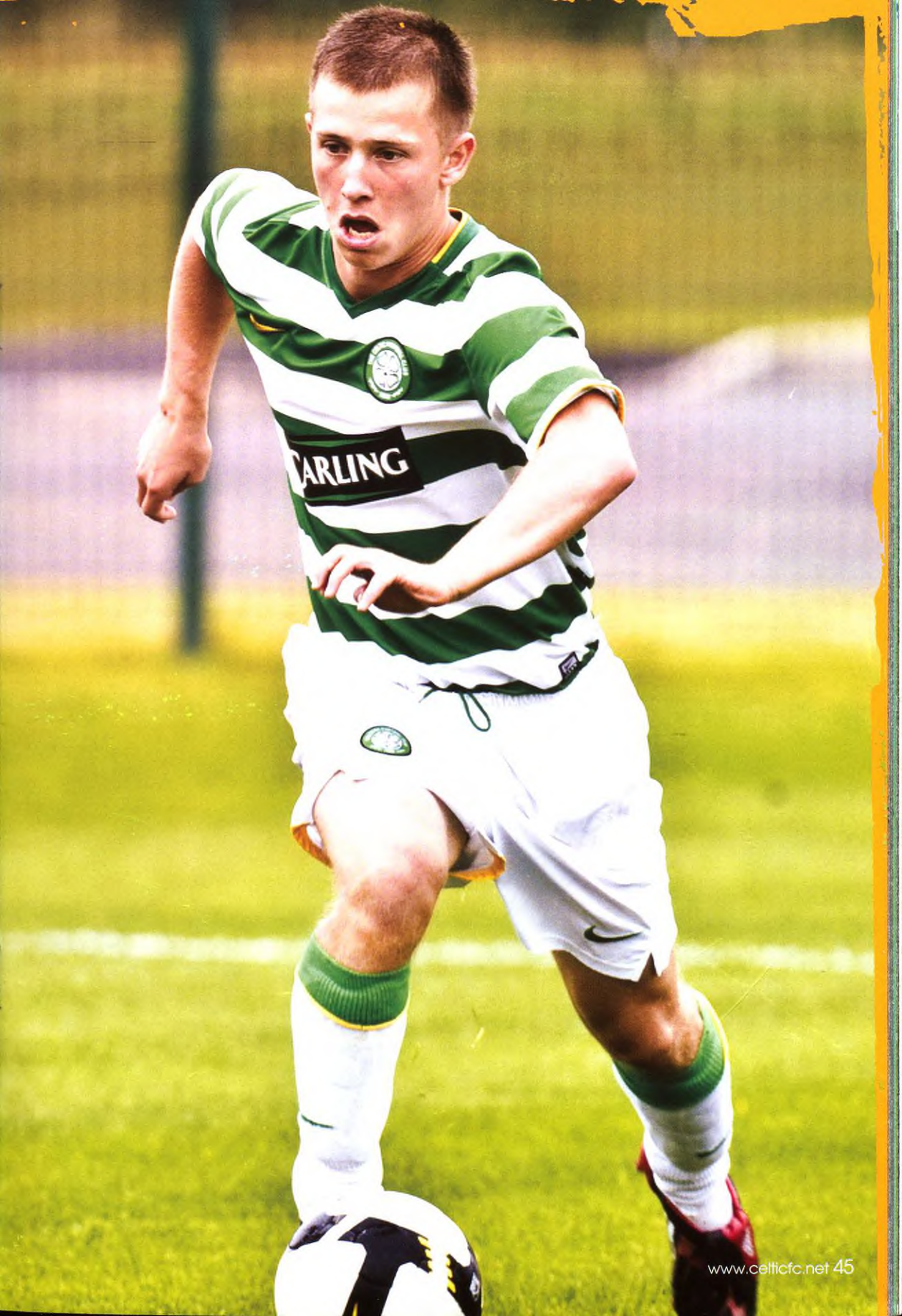
"It's not been easy for us the past few weeks," Cochrane told the matchday programme. "We lost at home to Motherwell last Saturday and the Hearts defeat the week

The run of injuries has, however, forced a re-think, in terms of the team's formation and as a number of trialists have been brought in to play up front as well as try to win a professional contract, the team has often switched to a five-man midfield.

This has not meant a change in playing philosophy, with the attack-minded wide men encouraged to get forward and play as out-and-out wingers, but it has disrupted the plans that were formulated during what was a promising pre-season, reaching the latter stages of European friendly tournaments.

As Cochrane explained, this is also allowing him the chance to learn and improve, while accepting the added responsibility of adding goals from the midfield.

"It's good to play in different formations, because you learn more about your role in the team and also the other roles in midfield that you can then go on and play," he said. ▶





"I enjoy trying out different formations, so in that respect, this experience will maybe benefit us in the long run.

"If we are playing 4-4-2, I just try and be a central midfielder and do both jobs, tracking back and going forward, basically playing box to box.

"That's what I've been trying to do this year and the thing I am aiming to do this year is add more goals to my game and be a recognised goal threat.

"I sometimes stay behind in training and practice my shooting," he added, "but it's all about timing your runs. Just timing it so that when you arrive in the box you get on the end of things.

"You also try and watch players and learn from them and the best examples for me are probably Frank Lampard at Chelsea and Steven Gerrard at Liverpool. They are worth about 20 goals a season and are now relied on as regular goalscorers.

"Chris McCart and John McLaughlan are good with me and I have learned a lot about my role in the team. They have taken the time to give me a lot of advice and that's been great for me."

There have been plus points amid the negatives, though, and the goal-threat that this side carries was evident in Celtic's recent 11-1 drubbing of Stranraer in the Youth Cup.

Despite the injuries, there were goals and imagination in abundance as the youths swept aside their opponents in what was potentially a tricky tie for the players.

But rather than dwell on their doubts and concerns, they dominated the game, completely demoralising the home side and crushing their hopes of an upset.

"It does give you a lot of confidence when you go out and start scoring goals," continued Cochrane. "It was a good result out there and hopefully the strikers will take confidence from scoring a few in that match.

"Stranraer were really fired up and we had to weather a bit of pressure in the opening 10 minutes, they threw everything at us.

"But after a while, things began to calm down and we got the first couple of goals. That calmed us down before half time and in the second half the goals just kept coming, you could see Stranraer really getting demoralised when it went to 6-0."

The challenge now is to replicate that performance in the league with Kilmarnock travelling to Barrowfield this morning.

The youths' hopes of regaining the title have been dented in recent weeks, but it is no surprise that the combative Cochrane is not willing to throw in the towel just yet.

"We have to find consistency at league level now," he said. "And if we have any hopes of winning the championship I don't think we can afford to drop more points.

"It's a close league though, there really isn't too much

between a lot of the sides and that might mean that those in front of us might drop a point or two.

"But we can't worry about that," he added, "we just have to try and win every game between now and the end of the season."





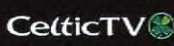
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PARADISE WINDFALL JOY FOR JOSEPH Burnley Bhoys come up trumps on a winning night

WHILE Owen Coyle's Burnley were making headlines down south by knocking Chelsea out of the English League Cup, Joseph Buirds from the Lancashire town was in Paradise recently.

Gary Caldwell's brother Steven was part of the Stamford Bridge triumph, although he was red-carded after 116 minutes, but Burnley Bhoys Joseph saw the younger brother play a telling role in Celtic's 3-0 win over Kilmarnock.

And the trip was made all the more worthwhile when Joseph's namesake, former Celtic manager Dr Jo Venglos, drew

his Paradise Windfall ticket from the tombola at half-time.

Joseph was in the upper section of the North Stand and couldn't make it down to the pitch on time for the presentation but met up with Dr Jo in the Celtic Park foyer after the game...

And he was delighted to receive the cheque for **EIGHT-AND-A-HALF THOUSAND POUNDS** - the biggest half-time lottery prize in football, and all for only a £1 stake.

Dr Jo drew out Joseph's T3841 ticket and the other winning numbers for runners-up prizes were K1815, B3975, Q3028 and E1247.



MAGICAL MASCOT MEMORIES

OUR two young Celtic mascots watched with delight recently as their big night was made even more memorable as Celtic stretched their lead at the top of the table with a 3-0 win over Kilmarnock

Ryan Beattie and Matthew McNish led the Celts out alongside skipper Stephen McManus and then sat back and enjoyed in the game in some of the best seats in the house.

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SCOTT WISHES SCOTS GOOD LUCK

Scott McDonald was on hand to wish Scotland's homeless footballers luck as they prepared to head for Australia to defend the Homeless World Cup.

The Celtic striker met up with the squad at Lennoxtown, and he explained that the weather could be the Scots' toughest opponent.

"The conditions will be a huge factor as it's going to be pretty hot," the Australian internationalist said.

"As the home team, you'd always fancy Australia to be one of the favourites but I'd obviously love Scotland to do well too."

The Scots' trip to the Melbourne tournament kicks off on December 1.

Celtic have a very close relationship with the Scotland Homeless World Cup team and early next year the club will be engaged in providing coaching sessions for the players.

And the club, through Celtic Charity Fund, has a long

history of supporting homeless charities and will continue to be active in this area.



RATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

THE aim of the Celtic Foundation is to work with all sectors of the community to introduce children, youths and adults to a coaching and development programme that is both enjoyable and educational.

At the Foundation, we are involved in a wide range of innovative projects, and this is your chance to sign up for one run by Celtic FC and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

The project offers a free 10-week health programme for 20 male participants at Celtic Park.

It aims to show that, by making small changes in your lifestyle, and being aware of health issues, you can make a big difference to your long-term well-being.

Sessions will run every Friday afternoon at the club including a physical activity element lasting one hour. Each session will focus on a different area of your lifestyle and will cover a range of topics including:

- Sensible eating.
- Reducing your blood pressure and cholesterol levels.
- Drug and alcohol awareness.

- Sexual health information and awareness (eg testicular cancer).

The programme will begin with an initial health assessment on January 8/9, with the health sessions commencing on January 16, 2009 and will run for 10 weeks.

A further programme is due to start on April 24, 2009, again running for 10 weeks, with an initial health assessment on April 17, 2009.

A short questionnaire will require to be completed and reviewed by a doctor from the College, after which the successful applicants will be invited to join the project.

The programmes are open to male season ticket holders aged 40 -60, who have a Glasgow postcode.

We expect a very good response so if you are interested, feel you would benefit from this initiative, are available for the duration of the programme and you would like to take part in one of the programmes, please contact celtic@rcpsg.ac.uk or telephone Melanie at the Royal College on 0141-241-6210 as soon as possible.



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SPECIAL GALA DINNER FOR LUBO

ON Sunday, December 7, supporters will have the opportunity to gather for a celebration in honour of a Celtic legend.

A Gala Dinner Dance is taking place in the Kerrydale Street Suite at Celtic Park in honour of Lubomir Moravcik.

The Slovakian playmaker arrived at Paradise in 1998 and over the next four years became a favourite with supporters.

He made a total of 129 appearances for the Hoops, scoring 35 goals, and making a massive contribution to the success enjoyed by the club at that time.

Lubo will be the guest of honour on December 7 and if you want to join him for the event, which includes a four-course meal, contact matchdayhospitality@celticfc.co.uk or call **0871 226 1888** (Tickets are £100+VAT per person).



SIXTEEN DAYS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

THE 16 Days of Action has become a familiar fixture in the diary of events taking place in Glasgow each year.

The campaign began on November 25 - the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women - and ends on December 10, which is International Human Rights Day.

This year's event is being co-ordinated in Glasgow East by Glasgow Community Planning Partners who have organised a number of events the 16 days.

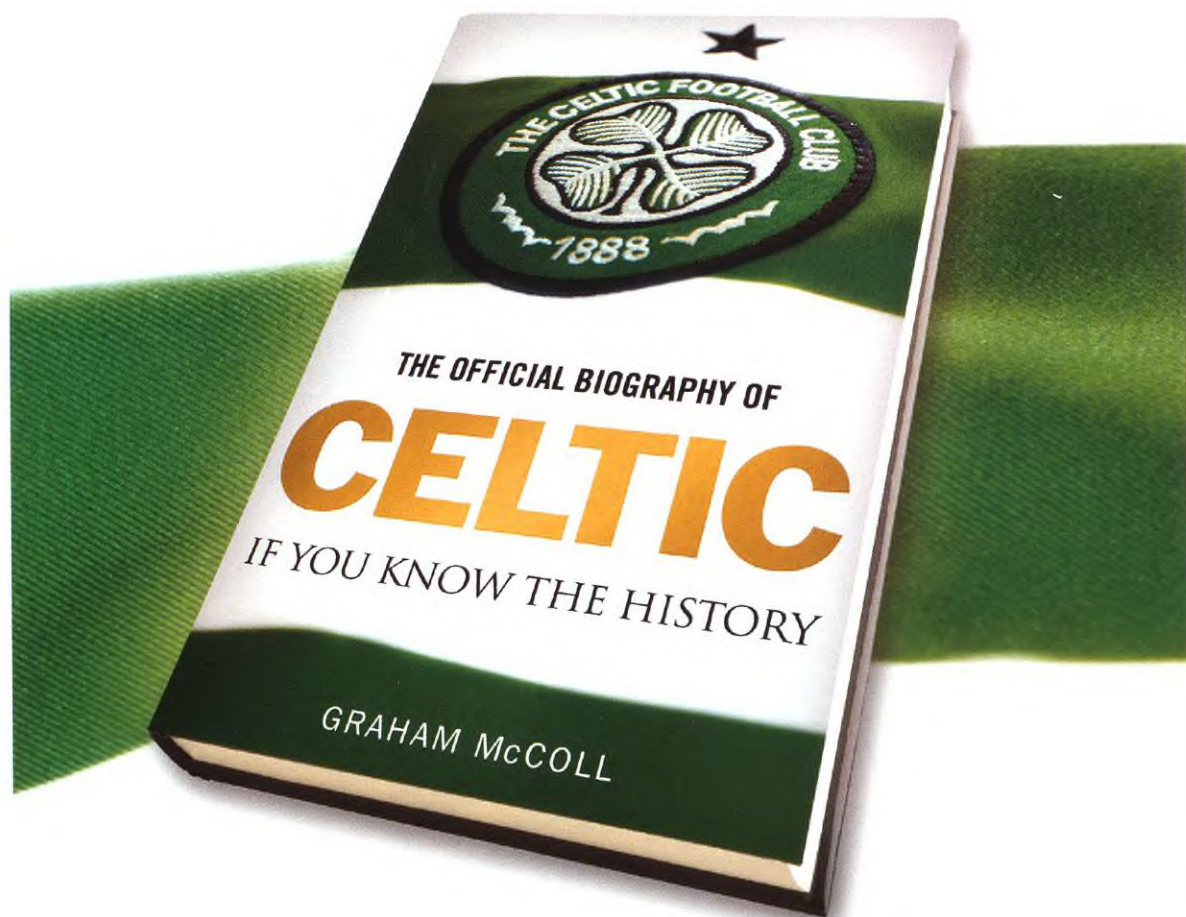
Leaflets and posters have been distributed to key community facilities to raise awareness of this important campaign.

This year, as in previous years, we will focus on the white ribbon, to ensure the public connect the white ribbon to issues of violence against women to increase its significance in the public conscience.

White ribbons will be distributed through various outlets in Glasgow. Look out for them and make sure you wear your ribbon.

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MANY will remember the heart-rending story of Andrea Kearney, a mother of five, who died of breast cancer just over a year after giving birth to her fifth child.

The tragic tale was part of the *Celtic View's* 'Pink' Breast Cancer Awareness issue in October and her husband Peter spoke of a tribute evening that was held earlier this month.

Many items were auctioned that evening but there is one item still available on the online auction that will be of great interest to Celtic supporters as, further to the successful

launch of the fund, so many auction prizes were donated that they couldn't all be sold on the night.

So the fund-raising auction will continue online at http://www.andreakearney.org/Andrea_Kearney/Auction.html

Among the items available is a 100-year-old hardwood seat with a Celtic crest carved by the renowned Glasgow wood sculptor John McLaughlin from the original Hampden Stadium.

The auction ends tomorrow, Sunday, November 30 at midnight so get in there fast to check out this unique Celtic artifact.



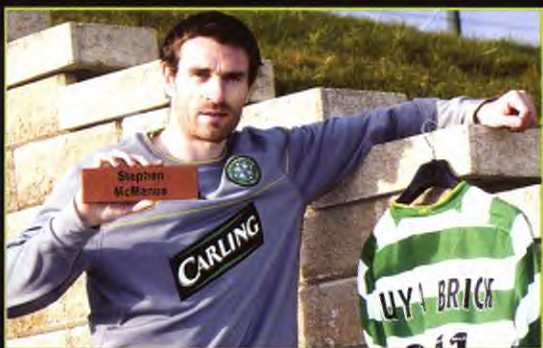
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TIME is running out if you want to buy a brick for Christmas with a special message for a loved one to be cemented on the very walls of Paradise.

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All participants will receive a small Celtic gift and a certificate of attendance at every session attended.

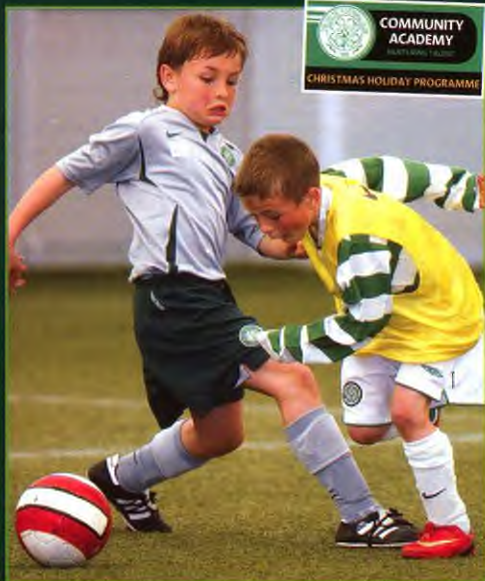
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HOOPS 'N' HALOS CHRISTMAS DRAW

CELTIC Charity Fund, the charitable arm of Celtic Football Club, has announced a fantastic new prize draw, promoted by Celtic Pools, in the run-up to Christmas where supporters could win a trip for two to New York, while at the same time assist some great causes in the spirit of Celtic's charitable origins.

All fans have to do is purchase a £1 prize draw ticket for the chance of winning one of these great prizes.

FIRST PRIZE

Make this a Christmas to remember and win a fantastic trip for two to New York. This superb prize includes return flights from London with British Airways, three nights accommodation in a 3* hotel and a full hospitality package as guests of the New York Celtic Supporters' Club, located at 'The Parlour' in Manhattan. (Flights must be used within one year of draw date and hotel voucher by 30th November 2009).

SECOND PRIZE

A wonderful weekend for two in London at the 5* Ritz Hotel plus entry to Kew Gardens.

THIRD PRIZE

A weekend stay for two at one of Scotland's finest luxury hotels - Hotel du Vin, One Devonshire Gardens, Glasgow.

FOURTH PRIZE

A fabulous Billy Connolly boxed set signed by the man himself and a unique package of Rod Stewart merchandise and memorabilia.

Dates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes subject to availability.

Net proceeds after prizes and expenses will be donated to Celtic Youth Development (one third) and Celtic Charity Fund (two thirds). Celtic Charity Fund is a recognised Scottish Charity, number SC024648, and will donate its two thirds allocation in equal amounts to:

Yorkhill Children's Foundation in Glasgow

Every year, around 150,000 children from all over Scotland attend the Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Yorkhill in

Glasgow. Yorkhill Children's Foundation aims to provide the 'extra' services and equipment for the whole of Yorkhill which would not otherwise be possible, ranging from the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment through to the provision of children's entertainers.

The New Jerusalem Children's Home in Johannesburg, South Africa

The New Jerusalem Children's Home in Johannesburg, South Africa provides holistic, integrated quality care to orphans, abandoned, abused and traumatised HIV-positive/vulnerable children. Staff strive to meet the emotional, physical, educational and spiritual needs of every child. They are currently fundraising to build a new residential unit.

Tickets cost £1 each and fans can either purchase the online version, in blocks of five, at <http://charity.celticfc.net/> or contact Celtic Pools on 0141 551 9922 for the paper version (books of 10). Players must be aged 16 or over. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

The Hoops 'n' Halos Christmas Draw will take place on Saturday 13th December 2008.

Everyone at Celtic would like to thank supporters in advance for their continued compassion and generosity.



CELTIC YOUTH ACADEMY

As we closely approach the winter break, for the current Under-12 squad it is an extremely poignant time in their short but already very fruitful young football careers

The first half of the season is played in the seven-a-side format which gives the young players a good grounding, allows them to have more touches on the ball, exposes them to more one v one situations and more than certainly helps to improve their fitness levels.

We have now played just about every other club within the SPL Youth Initiative structure at seven-a-sides with the Bhoys turning in some magnificent performances. The squad is made up of the following players;

Goalkeepers - Calum Christie & Cameron Binnie

Defenders - Ryan McNeill, Aaron Comrie, Aidan McIlduff, Jordan Duncan, Kieran Tierney & Qassim Mohamed

Midfielders - Sean McIntosh, Ryan Caird, Aidan Nesbit, Colin Granger, Colin Gavan, Darren Smith & Steven Boyd

Attackers - Jack Brennan & Kevin Nissbet

At the turn of the year, the players will then make the transition from the smaller seven-a-side pitch to the developmental 11-a-side pitch.

The transitional year is an extremely important one in the life of a young Celtic player and everything is done to try and make it as smooth as possible.

For a matchday, the pitch is slightly amended making it slightly smaller and the game is played using smaller nine-a-side goals.

These slight amendments certainly help the players make the next step in the career a little more easier.

We will then reverse all of the fixtures from the first half of the season and play using the above mentioned format.

These players take part in two technical coaching sessions, one sports science session and a weekly match on a Saturday. The coaching programme focuses greatly on individual skill development working hard to improve passing, shooting and dribbling using both feet.

The Youth Academy as a whole has been delighted to be joined by some very important staff over the past few



UNDER-12s

months. As I am sure you will all be aware, Chris McCart has taken over from the late, great Tommy Burns as the Head of Youth Academy and has taken the reigns up fantastically.

Chris recently organised and implemented a Parents' Information Evening at Celtic Park for the families of U11-U15 players.

The main aims of the evening were to reinforce the wonderful ethos of the Celtic Youth Academy, share some new ideas and initiatives and become further educated in the importance of diet/nutrition and hydration.

The latter was delivered by the club's new dietician Pam Paul, who gave a wonderfully informative presentation on the huge importance of hydration, re-hydration and food intake.

The positive reaction from the young players was evident when the vast majority of the players produced a milkshake at the end of the next match to ensure maximum re-hydration!

The squad has two very exciting trips to look forward to at the turn of the year. Firstly the Bhoys will fly out to Qatar to the wonderful Aspire Complex in late March to pit their wits against some of Europe's finest.

This will not only be a hugely worthwhile football trip but will also help to develop the players socially by experiencing different cultures. A week after the trip to Qatar the Bhoys will then travel to The Hague in Holland to take part in a top-class tournament against teams from Holland, Germany and Spain.



The trips these days for the Bhoys are a far cry from a long weekend in Blackpool!

Having now been involved with the Celtic Youth Academy for five seasons, I honestly feel that the standard just keeps getting better!

We are fortunate enough to have Martin Miller as the Head of Junior Academy who oversees all players from Development Centre (U8-U10) up to the current U12 squad.

Martin has devised some wonderful technical sessions for the young players who really seem to have benefited from these sessions and positive environment that is created around the place.

Finally, the Celtic Junior Academy (U10-U12) has been continually raising money as well as collecting kit and equipment for the Live with Hope Charity in Motobo, Kenya for the past year and have raised in excess of £27,000 which is an incredible achievement.

So, from everyone at the Junior Academy, we would like to thank everyone who has supported this initiative and continues to do so.

From everyone at the Celtic Youth Academy Under-12 squad and the rest of the Youth Academy, we hope that you enjoy the match today and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year when it comes!

Hail Hail



ACTION REPLAY

ST MIRREN 1
CELTIC 3

CLYDESDALE BANK, SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE, SAT, NOV 22, 2008

CELTIC marched to an 11th consecutive league victory, with goals from Georgios Samaras, Shunsuke Nakamura and Cillian Sheridan sealing what was a comfortable 3-1 win over St Mirren.

All the goals came in the second-half, with Celtic's Greek striker getting his side off the mark when he steered home an Andreas Hinkel cross on 64 minutes.

And just two minutes later, it was 2-0 for the Champions. A wonderful passing move eventually saw Shunsuke Nakamura combine well with Samaras and when the striker played a ball over the top of the St Mirren defence, it was Nakamura who ran on to it, deftly pulled the ball out of the air with a sublime first touch and then slotted the ball home.

Substitute Cillian Sheridan scored Celtic's third before Jim Hamilton headed home a last-minute consolation goal for the home side.



MATCH STATS



GOAL ATTEMPTS

5 12

ON TARGET

3 9

OFF TARGET

2 3

FOULS

9 12

OFFSIDES

2 4

ST MIRREN (4-4-2) Howard; Ross, Potter, Haining (McAusland 81), Miranda; Brady, Murray (Mehmet 76), Dorman, McGinn; Dargo, Wyness (Hamilton 81) **SUBS NOT USED:** Smith, McCay, Burns, Carson

CELTIC (4-4-2) Boruc; Hinkel, Loovens, McManus, Wilson; Nakamura, S Brown, Caldwell (Naylor 83), Robson (Maloney 61); Samaras (Sheridan 77), McDonald **SUBS NOT USED:** M Brown, Hartley, O'Dea, Caddis



ACTION REPLAY

AALBORG 2 CELTIC 1

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, TUE, NOV 25, 2008

CELTIC'S European dream is over for another season after Aalborg snatched a lucky 2-1 win over the Hoops to condemn Gordon Strachan's side to bottom place in Group E.

A freak own goal from Gary Caldwell eliminated Celtic from the UEFA Champions League and even the consolation of a place in the UEFA Cup is now out of Celtic's reach - Aalborg's better head-to-head record guarantees third spot in Group E.

It was a ridiculously harsh outcome to a game dominated by Celtic. Barry Robson had given the SPL champions the lead, but a deflected equaliser from Caca and that cruel late own goal left the Hoops stunned.

Celtic will now turn their attention to the task of trying to win their fourth successive league title. This was a sickening loss, but the Celtic players will bounce back like they have done so many times over the past three years.



MATCH STATS



GOAL ATTEMPTS

9 11

ON TARGET

4 4

OFF TARGET

5 7

FOULS

13 14

OFFSIDES

3 3

AALBORG (4-5-1) Zaza; Begelund, Olfers, Michael Jakobsen, Pedersen (Kristensen 81); Caca, Augustinussen, Risgard, Enevoldsen (Due 69), Johansson; Curth (Saganowski 69)
SUBS NOT USED: Stenild, Nomvethé, Braemer, Sorensen

CELTIC (4-4-2) Boruc; Hinkel, Loovens, McManus, Wilson (Caldwell 89); Nakamura, Caldwell, Brown, Robson; Samaras (Sheridan 69), McDonald
SUBS NOT USED: M. Brown, Caddis, O'Dea, Naylor, Maloney, Hartley



KEY

- 1 Number of Goals scored
- Booked
- Sent Off
- Home games in bold
- 1st 2nd Sub
- CBPL - Clydesdale Bank Premier League
- CL - Champions League
- SC - Scottish Cup
- CIS - CIS Insurance Cup

CELTIC STATS 08/09

FIXTURES & RESULTS



CLYDESDALE BANK PREMIER LEAGUE 2008/09								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Celtic	15	13	1	1	39	15	40	+24
Rangers	15	11	3	1	34	11	36	+23
Hearts	15	8	2	5	17	18	26	-1
Dundee Utd	15	6	5	4	20	17	23	+3
Hibernian	15	5	4	6	19	22	19	-3
Kilmarnock	15	6	1	8	14	21	19	-7
Aberdeen	15	5	3	7	15	18	18	-3
Inverness CT	15	5	2	8	17	22	17	-5
Motherwell	15	5	2	8	17	23	17	-6
Falkirk	15	4	4	7	18	21	16	-3
St Mirren	15	3	3	9	10	19	12	-9
Hamilton	15	3	2	10	13	26	11	-13

COMP	DATE	OPPOSITION	RES.	ATT.	STARTING 11	SUBS
CBPL	10 AUG	ST MIRREN	1-0	57,441	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR ROBSON S BROWN HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD	M BROWN DONATI O'DEA WILSON CADDIS SAMARAS McGEADY HESSELINK
CBPL	17 AUG	DUNDEE UNITED	1-1	11,648	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR ROBSON S BROWN HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD	M BROWN CADDIS CROSBY DONATI O'DEA ROBSON SAMARAS
CBPL	23 AUG	FALKIRK	3-0	56,031	BORUC HINKEL LOOVENS McMANUS WILSON NAKAMURA S BROWN HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK SAMARAS	M BROWN O'DEA CADDIS ROBSON CROSBY MALONEY KILLEN
CBPL	31 AUG	RANGERS	2-4	58,595	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR ROBSON S BROWN HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK SAMARAS	M BROWN O'DEA CROSBY LOOVENS HUTCHINSON HESSELINK ROBSON
CBPL	13 SEP	MOTHERWELL	4-2	8,407	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR ROBSON S BROWN CROSBY NAKAMURA HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK SAMARAS	M BROWN LOOVENS DONATI CADDIS McGEADY NAKAMURA SHERIDAN
UEFA CL	17 SEP	AALBORG	0-0	57,432	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA ROBSON S BROWN MALONEY SAMARAS McDONALD	M BROWN LOOVENS HARTLEY WILSON CROSBY McGEADY HESSELINK
CBPL	20 SEP	KILMARNOCK	3-1	8,111	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR S BROWN CROSBY NAKAMURA MALONEY SAMARAS HESSELINK	M BROWN LOOVENS O'DEA CADDIS McGEADY HARTLEY McDONALD
CIS	23 SEP	LIVINGSTON	4-0	23,569	BORUC HINKEL LOOVENS McMANUS NAYLOR CADDIS HARTLEY DONATI McGEADY McDONALD SAMARAS	M BROWN CALDWELL S BROWN MALONEY HESSELINK
CBPL	27 SEP	ABERDEEN	3-2	58,565	BORUC WILSON LOOVENS McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA CROSBY S BROWN MALONEY HESSELINK SAMARAS	M BROWN O'DEA CADDIS DONATI HARTLEY McDONALD McGEADY
UEFA CL	30 SEP	VILLARREAL	0-1	25,000	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN MALONEY HARTLEY McGEADY SAMARAS	M BROWN LOOVENS CADDIS ROBSON CROSBY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	04 OCT	HAMILTON ACCIES	4-0	55,881	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL McMANUS ROBSON NAKAMURA S BROWN CROSBY HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD	M BROWN CADDIS O'DEA DONATI HARTLEY SAMARAS MALONEY
CBPL	18 OCT	INVERNESS CT	2-1	7,143	BORUC CALDWELL McMANUS LOOVENS NAYLOR McGEADY S BROWN CROSBY ROBSON McDONALD MALONEY	M BROWN O'DEA WILSON McCOURT NAKAMURA HARTLEY SHERIDAN
UEFA CL	21 OCT	MANCHESTER UNITED	0-3	74,655	BORUC WILSON LOOVENS McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN CALDWELL ROBSON McGEADY McDONALD	M BROWN O'DEA HINKEL DONATI HARTLEY MALONEY SHERIDAN
CBPL	25 OCT	HIBERNIAN	4-2	58,337	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS ROBSON NAKAMURA S BROWN HARTLEY MALONEY SHERIDAN McDONALD	M BROWN DONATI O'DEA LOOVENS McGEADY McCOURT McGOWAN
CIS	29 OCT	KILMARNOCK	3-1	6,319	BORUC HINKEL WILSON O'DEA CALDWELL S BROWN DONATI NAKAMURA McGEADY McDONALD MALONEY	M BROWN ROBSON McCOURT HARTLEY SHERIDAN
CBPL	02 NOV	HEARTS	2-0	15,460	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS WILSON MALONEY S BROWN HARTLEY ROBSON McDONALD SHERIDAN	M BROWN O'DEA CADDIS NAKAMURA DONATI McGEADY McCOURT
UEFA CL	05 NOV	MANCHESTER UNITED	1-1	58,903	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS WILSON HARTLEY S BROWN ROBSON MALONEY McDONALD SHERIDAN	M BROWN O'DEA NAYLOR CADDIS NAKAMURA DONATI HUTCHINSON
CBPL	08 NOV	MOTHERWELL	2-0	56,504	M BROWN HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS WILSON S BROWN HARTLEY ROBSON MALONEY McDONALD SHERIDAN	FOX O'DEA NAYLOR CADDIS MIZUNO DONATI HUTCHINSON
CBPL	12 NOV	KILMARNOCK	3-0	55,347	M BROWN HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS WILSON NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI MALONEY SHERIDAN McDONALD	FOX O'DEA CADDIS ROBSON HARTLEY MIZUNO SAMARAS
CBPL	16 NOV	HAMILTON ACCIES	2-1	5,550	M BROWN HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS WILSON NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI HARTLEY MALONEY SHERIDAN	FOX LOOVENS CADDIS MIZUNO ROBSON SAMARAS McGOWAN
CBPL	22 NOV	ST MIRREN	3-1	7,433	BORUC HINKEL LOOVENS McMANUS WILSON NAKAMURA S BROWN CALDWELL ROBSON McDONALD SAMARAS	M BROWN O'DEA CADDIS NAYLOR HARTLEY MALONEY SHERIDAN
UEFA CL	25 NOV	AALBORG	1-2	12,647	BORUC HINKEL LOOVENS McMANUS WILSON NAKAMURA S BROWN CALDWELL ROBSON SAMARAS McDONALD	M BROWN NAYLOR O'DEA CADDIS HARTLEY MALONEY SHERIDAN
CBPL	29 NOV	INVERNESS CT				
CBPL	07 DEC	HIBERNIAN				
UEFA CL	10 DEC	VILLARREAL				
CBPL	13 DEC	HEARTS				
CBPL	20 DEC	FALKIRK				
CBPL	27 DEC	RANGERS				
CBPL	03 JAN	DUNDEE UNITED				
SC	10 JAN	ROUND 4				
CBPL	18 JAN	ABERDEEN				
CBPL	24 JAN	HIBERNIAN				
CIS	27/28 JAN	SEMI-FINAL				
CBPL	01 FEB	INVERNESS CT				
SC	10 JAN	ROUND 5				
SPL	14 FEB	RANGERS				
CBPL	21 FEB	MOTHERWELL				
UEFA CL	24/25 FEB	LAST 16				
CBPL	28 FEB	ST MIRREN				
CBPL	04 MAR	KILMARNOCK				
SC	07 MAR	QUARTER-FINAL				
UEFA CL	10/11 MAR	LAST 16				
CBPL	14 MAR	FALKIRK				
CIS	14/15 MAR	FINAL				
CBPL	21 MAR	DUNDEE UNITED				
CBPL	04 APR	HAMILTON ACCIES				
UEFA CL	07/08 APR	QUARTER-FINAL				
CBPL	11 APR	HEARTS				
UEFA CL	14/15 APR	QUARTER-FINAL				
CBPL	18 APR	ABERDEEN				
SC	25/26 APR	SEMI-FINAL				
UEFA CL	28/29 APR	SEMI-FINAL				
CBPL	02 MAY	GAME 34				
UEFA CL	05/06 MAY	SEMI-FINAL				
CBPL	09 MAY	GAME 35				
CBPL	13 MAY	GAME 36				
CBPL	16 MAY	GAME 37				
CBPL	23/24 MAY	GAME 38				
UEFA CL	27 MAY	FINAL				
SC	30 MAY	FINAL				

ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
POST-SPLIT FIXTURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE



QUIZ

- 1 Who were the last pair of brothers to have the distinction of scoring for Celtic in the same league match?
- 2 Who is the only Inverness CT player to have appeared in the European Championships finals?
- 3 Who is the only player to have netted in each season since the formation of the English Premiership?
- 4 Who was the first man to manage Celtic having not actually played for the club?
- 5 Which club other than Inverness CT has current boss Craig Brewster managed in the SPL?
- 6 Against which country to date has Shaun Maloney netted his only international goal for Scotland?
- 7 Which two current Celtic players have also in their career played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle?
- 8 In which city will the 2008/09 Champions League final be contested?
- 9 Which three players who featured for Inverness CT when they famously knocked Celtic out of the Scottish Cup in February 2000 are still with the club?
- 10 Who are the only two players from Iceland to have played competitive matches for Celtic?
- 11 Which three men have played for Celtic but won the Scottish Football Writers' Player of the Year with other clubs?
- 12 Which were the last two teams to play in a major European final at Hampden Park?
- 13 Who is the only player to have netted over a century of competitive goals for Inverness CT?
- 14 Who was the last player to move to Celtic and break the Scottish transfer record in doing so?
- 15 Which six current Celtic players have in their careers also netted **AGAINST** Celtic in league matches?



ANSWERS 1 Paul & Willie McStay v Rangers 1983/84, 3-0. 2 Marius Niculae (Romania) Euro 2008. 3 Ryan Giggs (Manchester United). 4 Liam Brady (1991), 5 Dundee United, 6 Faroe Islands 2006/07, 7 Mark Brown & Barry Robson, 8 Rome, 9 Barry Wilson, Richard Hastings & Ross Tokely, 10 Johannes Edvaldsson & Teddy Bjarnsson, 11 Pat Stanton (Hibernian) 1970, Andy Ritchie (Morton) 1979, Alan Rough (Partick Thistle) 1981, 12 Sevilla & Espanyol, 13 Denis Wyness, 14 Chris Sutton 2000 £6m from Chelsea 15 Gary Caldwell, Scott Brown, Paul Hartley, Mark Wilson, Scott McDonald & Barry Robson.



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SCOTT McDONALD	7
SCOTT BROWN	8
GEORGIOS SAMARAS	9
JAN VENNEGOOR OF HESSELINK	10
PAUL HARTLEY	11
MARK WILSON	12
SHAUN MALONEY	13
MARC CROSAS	17
MASSIMO DONATI	18
BARRY ROBSON	19
PATRICK McCOURT	20
MARK BROWN	21
GLENN LOOVENS	22
BEN HUTCHINSON	23
JEAN-JOEL PERRIER-DOUMBE	24
SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA	25
CILLIAN SHERIDAN	26
KOKI MIZUNO	29
CHRIS KILLEN	33
AIDEN McGEADY	46
DARREN O'DEA	48
PAUL CADDIS	52



INVERNESS CT

1	MICHAEL FRASER
2	ROSS TOKELY
3	LIONEL DJEBI-ZADI
4	DAVID PROCTOR
5	PHIL MCGUIRE
6	ROY McBAIN
7	BARRY WILSON
8	IAN BLACK
9	ADAM ROONEY
10	ANDREW BARROWMAN
11	DOUGLAS IMRIE
12	RUSSELL DUNCAN
13	RORY McALLISTER
14	GRANT MUNRO
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17	ZANDER SUTHERLAND
21	DALE GILLESPIE
22	GARRY WOOD
23	RYAN ESSON
24	JAMIE DUFF
27	IAIN VIGURS
28	CRAIG BREWSTER

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Assistant 02: Lawrence Kerrigan

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