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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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GORDON STRACHAN



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F team spirit could win trophies as well as plaudits and accolades then our job would be done before the team even took to the pitch and I can do nothing but congratulate every one of the players for the effort they have put in...

And I'm not just talking about the magnificent display on Wednesday night against Manchester United, I'm thinking of the way they have worked for each other in the wake of injuries which would be a massive blow to any club, but these players have responded by regrouping and helping each other to run up a succession of victories in the SPL.

Of course, there was also the small matter of the UEFA Champions League in midweek and, with the effort they put in, I really thought it was going to be one of those European glory nights here at Celtic Park.

I want to thank you, the supporters, for your massive help in making the night what it was and when it comes to atmosphere, there is no better place in Europe than Celtic Park when the fans get going on a night like that.

With a wee bit more luck on the night we could well have

taken more than the one point, but the fact we so very nearly took all three points never mind one, was a shock to some people who had clearly written us off before a ball was even kicked.

They didn't figure on the spirit of the men on the park, though, and that so very nearly earned us the full points.

However, that game is done and dusted now and we welcome Mark McGhee's Motherwell for another SPL encounter as we carry on with our bid to maintain our position at the top of the table.

They have made it difficult for us in the past and they will do so again, so we will have to show that spirit again today as well as no short measure of skill and determination to beat a team that are snapping at the heels of the front runners in the league.

We have already recorded a 4-2 win at Fir Park earlier in this season but Motherwell's 1-0 win here last season is still fresh in my memory and it's an experience I would rather not repeat.

So get behind the men on the park today once more to help them build on the run of SPL victories.

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CLUB HONOURS

Scottish League Winners [42 times]

1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98,
1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08,
1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15,
1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22,
1925-26, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1953-54,
1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69,
1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73,
1973-74, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81,
1981-82, 1985-86, 1987-88, 1997-98,
2000-01, 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

European Cup Winners 1967

Coronation Cup Winners 1953

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Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours:

Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts,
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

Most league goals in 1 season:

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A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at www.celticfc.net or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

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 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct

- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

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Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on www.celticfc.net.

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THIS has been a week-and-a-half for us and it's not finished yet but I can assure you that we wouldn't have it any other way as the games keep on coming thick and fast.

However, I know that's exactly the same for you and first of all I want to thank you all for the truly amazing backing we had on Wednesday night when the champions of Europe knew once more that they were in a game of it at Celtic Park.

For two seasons running now we have hosted the holders of the UEFA Champions League trophy, first when AC Milan visited and then in midweek when Manchester United arrived, and on both occasions we gave a good account of ourselves which makes it all the more disappointing that we couldn't take more than a single point from the game.

Our hopes of progression in Europe are still intact, though, and our 1-1 draw with the Old Trafford side went a long way to keeping those hopes alive and I can assure you we will be doing all in our power to fight for the full points in our two remaining games against Aalborg and Villarreal.

Those games have yet to come, though, and of more immediate concern for us is the visit of Motherwell today.

Mark McGhee has done a magnificent job at Fir Park as shown by the fact that they are among the chasing pack

immediately behind the front two going into this weekend's fixtures.

Of course, they finished third last season and qualified for the UEFA Cup as reward for that but we are well aware that the three points they won here last term helped them towards that aim.

That defeat set us back a bit and that is something we are keen to avoid today as we set out to claim another three points in our bid for four-in-a-row.

We have had a decent run of SPL victories recently, which we maintained in our 2-0 win over Hearts at Tynecastle last weekend, so we fully intend to keep that sequence going today and we hope that you will play your part once more.

The noise from Wednesday night is still ringing in our ears so get behind the team once more and spur us on to another three points.

STEPHEN McMANUS



TODAY'S VISITORS

All info from www.motherwellfc.co.uk



MOTHERWELL

LAST week's derby win over Hamilton Accies thrust Motherwell to third place in the league standings - their final position last season and one which gained them entry into the UEFA Cup.

A European spot will be on their minds once more this season as they aim to build on the stability instilled with the arrival of Mark McGhee as manager.

From the last line of defence through to the strikers, the Fir Park side have the men to claim that European spot.

So, in today's match programme, we take a look at the players who were there or thereabouts in last weekend's 2-0 win over their Lanarkshire neighbours and who could well feature this afternoon.

GRAEME SMITH

As Gordon Marshall eased to retirement, thoughts turned to who would be a replacement for the veteran keeper. Terry Butcher answered by signing Graeme Smith from Rangers. Smith dealt with his first top-flight campaign with a level of maturity and consistency but appeared to suffer from a serious bout of second-season syndrome. The arrival of Mark McGhee saw him re-instated and Smith played his part in helping Well secure third place and a UEFA Cup spot.

PAUL QUINN

A product of the highly-regarded Motherwell Youth Development, Quinn established himself as part of the Motherwell first-team squad before being named skipper at 22-years-old. Making his debut aged just 17, by the time he was 21, he had already made more than 100 appearances. An assured defender, comfortable anywhere in the backline, he made his debut as a sub in December 2002 against the Hoops in a 3-1 defeat at Celtic Park. Given the nod by Mark McGhee at right-back, Quinn made the position his own to the extent that the long-serving Martyn Corrigan was allowed to move on.

STEVEN McGARRY

Mark McGhee made him a mainstay of the side which began the 2007/08 season so well. With McGarry attaining his best level of fitness for some time, it helped his game reach new heights and he netted the opening goal of the campaign. Until Christmas both Well and McGarry were flying but both saw their momentum stop suddenly. He was struck down by illness which saw him out for around a month and struggle for full fitness. However, he returned on a regular basis and signed an extension that will see him remain until the summer of 2010.



BOB MALCOLM

Originally signed on a short-term deal, former Rangers midfielder Bob Malcolm has signed on again with Well for the whole of the 2008/09 campaign after a spell down south with Derby. He spent the first few weeks of his Well career building up his fitness before making his debut in a 1-0 loss to Hibernian. He has again been in and out the side as Mark McGhee has used all options available to him but has proved his versatility by impressing on several occasions in central defence where he has looked particularly at ease.

MARK REYNOLDS

A particular source of pride for Motherwell fans is the number of youngsters the club has brought through who have gone on to make names for themselves and in 2007/08 Reynolds continued where he left off previously. An ever-present in a Well side which secured third place and a UEFA Cup spot, he gained further international experience picking up Scotland U21 caps against the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Holland. An

ever-present so far this season, his development was aided by playing against Nancy in the UEFA Cup and he made his 100th appearance the 2-0 win over Hamilton Accies last week.

STEVEN HAMMELL

Signed for the club in the summer of 1999 after serving his apprenticeship with Bearsden Boys' Club, Hammell didn't have too long to wait long for his big-break. A very consistent performer, he was renowned for his lung-bursting runs up the left-hand side, supporting the midfield and his ability to whip in a cross both from open play and a dead-ball situation. He moved down south to Southend in 2006 but returned in the recent January transfer window and has now played over 250 games for the Fir Park side.

DAVID CLARKSON

Hamilton-born Clarkson emerged as a prospect when Well were going through extreme financial hardship and it allowed the nephew of Phil O'Donnell to establish himself not only at first-

team level with Motherwell, but with the Scotland youth squads. From day one, Mark McGhee made Clarkson an integral part of his plans and was rewarded as he hit 13 goals and finished the season a Scotland international. Clarkson's sustained good form has been all the more impressive given the tragic loss of Phil O'Donnell. When many would have forgiven him for taking his eye off the ball, Clarkson's strength of character saw him get better and better as the season progressed.

KEITH LASLEY

A hugely popular figure amongst the Motherwell fans, Lasley is back at Fir Park for a second spell with the Steelmen. With Lasley having signed a new two-year deal with the Steelmen just weeks before many of his team-mates were released in the administration process, he found himself one of the more experienced players in the squad at the ripe old age of 23 but moved to Plymouth Argyle in 2004. In 2006 he was tempted back and his contribution in helping the club to a UEFA Cup spot was rewarded towards the end of the season with a new two-year contract.

STEPHEN HUGHES

It was early into Mark McGhee's reign at Fir Park when Stephen Hughes was first mentioned as a target for the Motherwell manager, but the Well gaffer wasn't able to secure the midfielder's services until the last few hours before the August 2007 transfer window slammed shut. He began his career with Rangers but had a spell down south with Leicester City before returning north and made his Well debut in the 2-0 defeat at home to Hearts in September 2007 but with each passing game showed exactly why Mark McGhee was so keen to bring him to Fir Park.

MARC FITZPATRICK

Fitzpatrick has proven himself a steady team player who works quietly and efficiently to allow the more renowned players in the side to do their stuff. He made his debut as a sub at the tail end of the 2003/04 season in a 1-1 draw against Celtic, just a day after his 18th birthday. He followed that up by starting his first game for the club against Hearts a few days later. Like a number of his team-mates, Fitzpatrick has grown as a player since the arrival of Mark McGhee as manager and the 2007/08 campaign saw him fully establish himself in the side. Growing in confidence throughout the season he made 35 outings and sufficiently impressed to be offered an extension, taking him to 2010.

TODAY'S VISITORS

MOTHERWELL



CHRIS PORTER

Motherwell fans were already pretty content at the way Mark McGhee had stamped his authority on the club after taking over and that was before he brought £750,000-rated striker Chris Porter to Fir Park. He started the current campaign in somewhat slow fashion, taking until the eighth game of the season to find the net. Porter also had to endure further disappointment when harshly red-carded in the 2-1 League Cup loss to Hamilton. Having got that elusive first goal of the term he quickly added another three in three games to get back on track and help Well rise to third place.

JOHN SUTTON

Signed by the club at the second attempt, all at Motherwell are delighted that John Sutton is proving to be well worth the wait. Inspired by the success of big brother Chris at Celtic, he has played for Raith Rovers, Dundee and St Mirren north of the border between spells down south and Well are the latest Scottish side to utilise his talents. Sutton began to repay McGhee's faith in him almost immediately with three goals in three games. With each

passing week his partnership with Chris Porter is blossoming and the two look a fearsome combination in the Well attack.

JAMIE MURPHY

His first start was in the final game of the 2006/07 season at Tannadice where he got his first 90 minutes under his belt. The 2007/08 season saw him begin the campaign in sparkling form for the U19s and end it a regular in the top squad. In total he would make 17 appearances from the bench throughout the season, the last of which was notable as he netted his first goal for the senior side. Having been brought down in the box, Ross McCormack would have been expected to take the penalty himself but instead passed it to Murphy who slotted the ball home to secure a 2-0 win for Motherwell over Hibs at Easter Road. In February his potential was rewarded with a new contract keeping him at the club until 2011.

GUNNAR NIELSEN

With the start of the season looming and the club lacking in cover for Graeme Smith, Mark McGhee swooped to sign Faroese



keeper Gunnar Nielsen. The youngster started his career in Denmark with Copenhagen side BK Frem in 2004 until 2007 when Mark Hughes signed him for Blackburn Rovers. The 21-year-old went straight into the Motherwell squad for the opening-day trip to Tynecastle and will hope to push Smith as much as he can for the No.1 spot during his six-month loan deal at Fir Park.

DARREN SMITH

Despite being just out of his teens, Darren Smith has certainly packed a fair amount into his Motherwell career after making his debut as a 16-year-old. The following season he began the 2005/06 campaign in the top squad and made his second appearance as a sub in the 5-0 win over Falkirk. A few days later he scored his first goal for the side in a hard-fought League Cup victory over St Mirren. Last season, the bulk of his appearances came from the bench and he proved himself to be a superb impact player, able to change the course of the game. His four goals that season all came after coming on as a sub, including the 2-1 victory over Aberdeen which all but secured Well in the UEFA Cup.

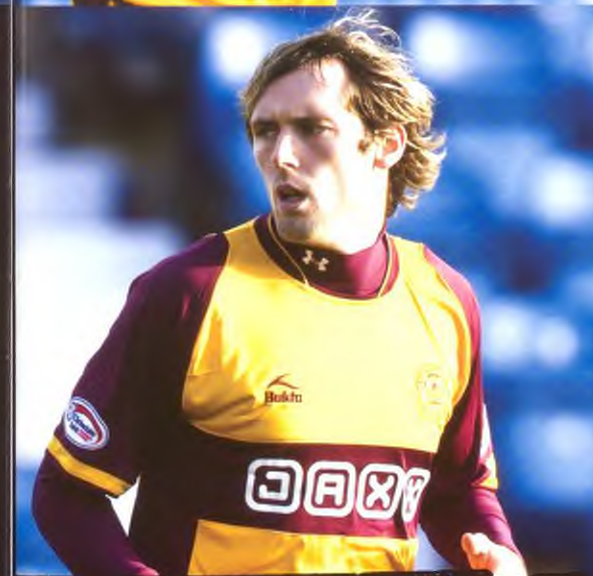
JIM O'BRIEN

Though he had progressed through the ranks at Celtic Park, it was actually elsewhere where O'Brien had brought himself to the attention of the Scottish football public. Allowed to join Dunfermline on loan in the 2006/07 season, he made his senior debut in the Pars' memorable 3-2 over Rangers at East End Park in the Scottish Cup third round. He returned to Celtic before another loan spell at Dundee United and a similar bout with Well in pre-season ended with a permanent contract being signed with the Lanarkshire club.

KENNY CONNOLLY

On being introduced to the first-team squad, Connolly was included in the team, yet remained an unused substitute more than 10 times throughout the 2005/06 season. Things went along similar lines during the first half of the 2006/07 season when, almost a year after his breakthrough into the squad, he made his debut. With time running out against Airdrie in the Scottish Cup and Well defending a narrow 1-0 lead, Connolly was introduced to stiffen up the midfield and see them through into the next round. Injury ruled him out for the vast majority of last season though he returned to fitness to make the bench for the final home game of the season, albeit unused.

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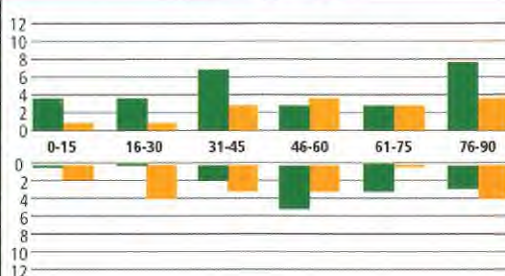
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Where & How Scored

Close range	4
Inside 18yd box	22
Outside 18yd box	3
Shots	20
Headers	3
Volleys	3
Penalties	2
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0

When Scored



Where & How Scored

Close range	3
Inside 18yd box	10
Outside 18yd box	3
Shots	11
Headers	2
Volleys	2
Penalties	0
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0

Top Goalscorer

Georgios Samaras



league goals	8
cup goals	2
total goals	10
games played	11

Motherwell's last 10 years



Top Goalscorer

John Sutton



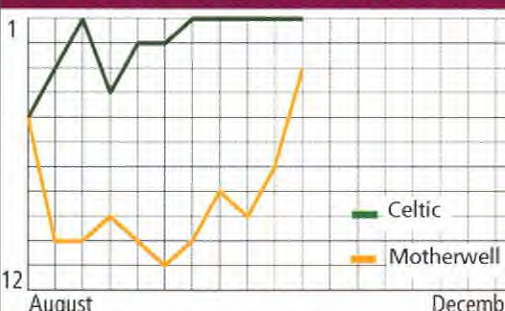
league goals	5
cup goals	0
total goals	5
games played	12

Last 6 Results

opponents	h/a	score
Hearts	A	2-0
Hibernian	H	4-2
Inverness	A	2-1
Hamilton	H	4-0
Aberdeen	H	3-2
Kilmarnock	A	3-1

Form Guide: **WWWWW**

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Last 6 Results

opponents	h/a	score
Hamilton	H	2-0
Inverness	A	2-1
Kilmarnock	A	0-1
Falkirk	H	3-2
St Mirren	H	2-1
Rangers	A	1-2

Form Guide: **WWLWWL**

Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	1
Conceded from free kick	1
Scored from corner	3
Conceded from corner	1
Fouls committed	127
Average per game	11.6
Yellow cards	18
Red cards	2

Last meeting at Celtic Park

Celtic	0-1	Motherwell
Lappin 33		
Attendance: 58,624 Referee: Murray		
Boruc, Caldwell, Hinkel (Hutchinson 87), Naylor, McManus, Nakamura, Donati (Robson 69), Brown Sc, McGeady, Vennegoor of Hesselink, McDonald (Samaras 60)		
Smith, Craigan, Reynolds, Quinn (McLean 86), Malcolm, Hammell, Fitzpatrick, Lappin, Hughes, McCormack (Murphy 77), Porter		
Booked	none	Booked
Sent off	none	Porter, Smith, Malcolm

Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	1
Conceded from free kick	1
Scored from corner	2
Conceded from corner	0
Fouls committed	149
Average per game	13.6
Yellow cards	17
Red cards	1

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MASSIMO PARK

HE SPENDS SO MUCH TIME THERE WITH EXTRA TRAINING SESSIONS THAT LENNOXTOWN COULD WELL PICK UP THE NICKNAME BUT THE ITALIAN IS DETERMINED TO APPLY SOME PRESSURE TO TEAM SELECTION

THERE is a spring in his step as Massimo Donati bounces in from an extended training session alongside Darren O'Dea and Aiden McGeady at Lennoxtown.

As a good-natured character, one who has rarely shown the pressures and occasional disappointments that roll alongside the good times at the club, he seems to carry an air of permanent optimism, looking like someone who takes real pride in being a Celtic player.

If Donati has bore any resentment or anger about losing his place in the side it has not been evident in his demeanour at the stadium or Lennoxtown.

Polite and friendly, he has not shown any frustration in or around the club, although he is brave enough to admit that his broad grin has often masked his inner feelings.

Today, as he makes his way up the stairs for his interview, he seems genuinely happy and having waited patiently for his opportunity, Massimo is back in action and staking his claim for a place in Gordon Strachan's starting XI.

"A lot of people have said to me that they are pleased to

see me back in the team and I am happy too, because I am here to play," Donati told the Matchday programme.

"I hope that it's a new start for me and I hope to play more games because every player wants to play football.

"I think I've played well in the games recently and I just hope to play more in the future.

"Inside I did feel bad at times," he admitted, "because I think when any player does not play they feel a bit depressed.

"Some people show it inside and outside, but I keep it inside, in speaking to people I am okay, because it's not their fault if I am not playing.

"It's not good for any player, if they are not playing, but I know that I am in a big team and I have a chance here, because I feel I am on the same level as the other guys and work every day for my opportunity.

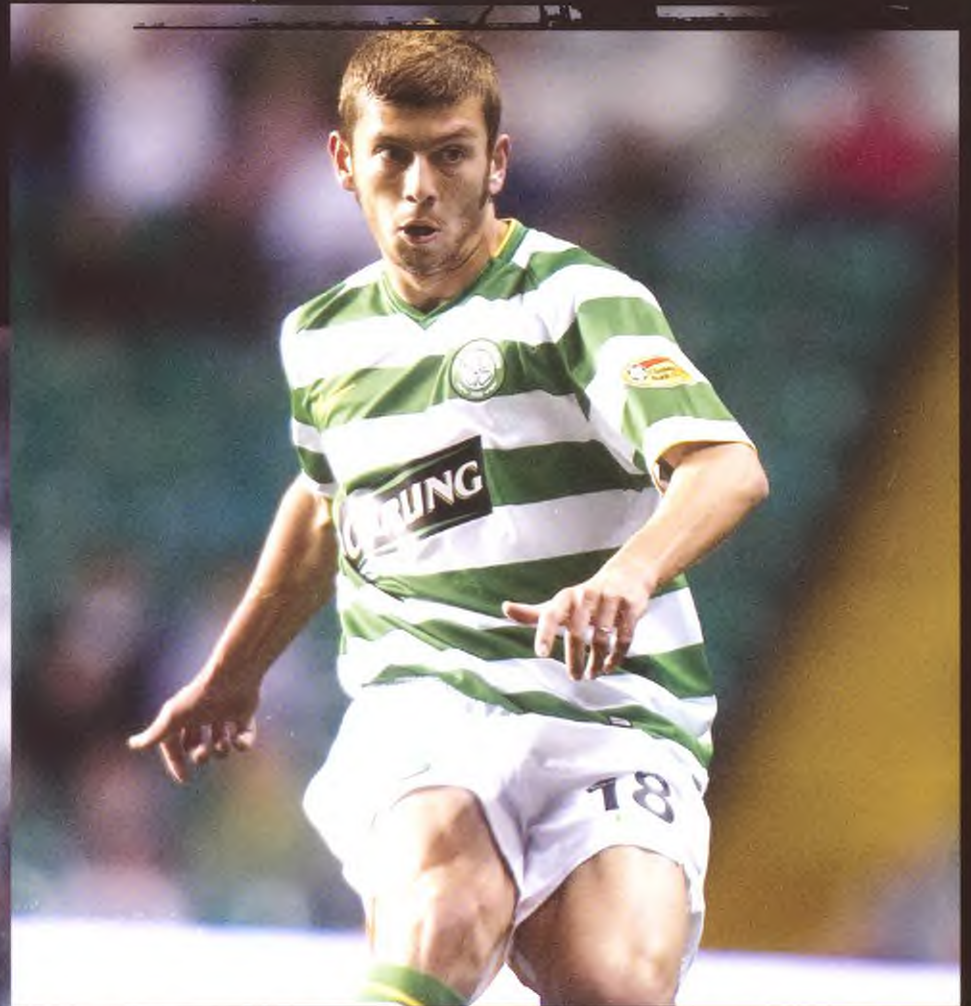
"After that it's up to the manager to decide whether I play or not."

Hard work has been the key for Donati in adjusting and adapting to the Scottish game and life in general in Glasgow.

Like many of the other players who have not played as regularly, Donati spends extra time in the gym and training ground. On this occasion it was an additional shooting session with McGeady and O'Dea. In the afternoon he will spend an extra hour in the gym.

Off the park his attitude has also been admirable and after his introductory press conference, he said 'thank you and goodbye' to his translator, determined to learn the language and stand on his own two feet.

"I AM VERY HAPPY HERE, I LOVE THE CITY, I GET ON WELL WITH THE GUYS IN THE TEAM AND FOR ME, IT'S BEEN VERY GOOD."



Now, just a year-and-a-half later, he is almost fluent and, like his team-mate Artur Boruc, speaks with an accent peppered with Scottish inflections.

"I like to work and sometimes, on a day off, I go to the gym for a while," he said. "If I am training, in my own mind, I am okay afterwards.

"If I have a day or two without training I start to feel bad and that my fitness isn't as good.

"Sometimes I go to train myself because I feel that I need the extra training and I also train because I want to be ready to play. I want to play in every game.

"I know that when some Italian players have come to Scotland in the past, after a year or two they get unhappy and want to leave.

"I am very happy here, I love the city, I get on well with the guys in the team and for me, it's been very good.

"The only problem is that I am not playing and that is a little bit of a problem, because I love football and I love to play. I am here to work and play for the team.

"The first few months of the season were not easy for me, not being in the team, but the rest of the time I have felt very

good and if I start to play, it will be perfect. My family love it here and I am very happy and proud to be a Celtic player.

"I saw someone say in one newspaper that I had not adapted to Scottish football," added Donati, "but I don't think that's true.

"Okay, I am a different player, I am not as aggressive and in Italy the football is a little different, but I enjoy playing here. I am happy and I like the football.

"My characteristics are different, I am not an aggressive player, but I don't think that's important, because some games need a different kind of player and a different kind of football."

Donati has also used his experience to help welcome two of the club's new Italian signings, goalkeeper Daniele Giordano and midfielder Luca Santonocito, both of whom are currently regulars in the Under-19 side.

It has been comforting for Donati to hear a couple of familiar accents around the place and he is happy to stop and chat and be there if they need a word of advice.

But he also has respect for two teenagers who have been brave enough to leave Italy in pursuit of their dream.

"I want the guys to do well," he said. "They are very young, but I was young once and when you are new to a team and a country it's not easy.

"Sometimes they need a little bit of advice, but that's not a problem because they are good guys, good football players and I hope they will be a success here.

"It's not easy for them, it wasn't easy for me and I was moving here when I was 26!

"For the guys it is more difficult, but when you are young and want to be a star, you will do anything. It's a great move for them, a great opportunity and they will have a chance to play in the first team in the future."

While Giordano and Santonocito have been able to lean on Donati for a word of encouragement, he has similarly been inspired by a Celtic support which has kept their faith in him.

Many look to his contribution in the first half of last season where, in the opening months, he looked to be on the verge of forming a formidable partnership in the middle of the park with Scott Brown. Then there was the 90th minute match-winner against Shakhtar Donetsk, the goal which effectively booked Celtic's place in the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League.

The challenge now is to get back to that level and he said: "The fans have been great with me. Inside or outside the stadium, whether we play home or away, they are always very nice to me and encourage me.

"It's the same when I am in the city as well and they always wish me the best of luck. That's important for me because it gives you that added confidence, to work every day for the objective of coming back to play in the first 11.

"There are a lot of games just now and that's good, firstly because games are better than training! But I think we are ready for these games and every one of them is important for us.

"We can only concentrate on our games and if we play well we can win them, that's the important thing. It's too early for us to look at other teams and what they are doing, we just need to win every game.

"Our players have shown that we can cope with injuries, although when everyone comes back it will be a problem for the Gaffer because everyone will want a game!

"We have good players out injured just now, but we have a strong squad, full of good players and this is when you see the advantages of that.

"Everyone here has an important job to do for the team and it's a long season. Everyone will have a part to play."



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On This Day In History

2003

CELTIC'S most recent action on this day came back in 2003 when Dunfermline were the visitors to Celtic Park. And it turned into a comprehensive victory for the Hoops, who ran out 5-0 winners.

However, for a long period of the game, Dunfermline proved to be stuffy opponents and after John Hartson opened the scoring for the Celts on 23 minutes, it took until 13 minutes from time before the Welshman grabbed his and Celtic's second goal of the afternoon.

That goal heralded a collapse in Dunfermline's defence, and the Hoops added another three goals inside the final 10 minutes of the match.

Substitute Ross Wallace, on for Shaun Maloney, netted on 81 minutes and just two minutes later Stan Varga made it 4-0.

And with just three minutes remaining, Henrik Larsson got in on the act with Celtic's fifth goal of the afternoon.

1980

A Celtic legend finally hung his boots on this day in 1980 after a long and distinguished career in his beloved green and white Hoops.

Bobby Lennox retired after a 19-year, almost unbroken career with Celtic. During that time he made 571 appearances, scoring 273 goals and he remains the club's second top goalscorer of all time after Jimmy McGrory.

And Bobby's roll of honour makes impressive reading as well - he won 11 League Championships, eight Scottish Cups, six League Cups and, of course, the European Cup in 1967.

Bobby remains one of the most popular Celtic players amongst supporters and is a familiar figure at Celtic Park on matchdays.

1973

On this day in 1973, Bobby Lennox scored the only goal of Celtic's second-round European Cup tie against Vejle BK of Denmark.

The first leg at Celtic Park had surprisingly finished

goal-less and the Hoops travelled to Denmark for the return leg knowing they faced elimination if they lost the game.

As it was, the tie proved fairly comfortable for Jock Stein's side, and after Lennox had scored on 36 minutes, there was no doubt that Celtic would progress to the next round.

There they faced FC Basel of Switzerland and it was another tough tie, only decided by an extra-time Stevie Murray goal in Celtic's favour to see the Hoops through 6-5 on aggregate.

In the semi-final they faced the thugs of Atletico Madrid who produced the single worst display of indiscipline ever seen at Celtic Park.

That match finished goal-less and two late goals for the Spaniards in the return leg saw them reach the final. Thankfully, they were beaten in a replay by Bayern Munich.

1961

Jimmy Johnstone signed for Celtic on this day in 1961 at the age of 17. The Viewpark youngster made his debut just under two years later away to Kilmarnock, when the Hoops lost 6-0.

Despite the less than auspicious start, Jinky went on to become the Greatest Ever Celt, making 515 appearances for the Hoops and scoring 129 goals.

Sadly, he passed away in 2006 after a long and courageous battle with Motor Neurone Disease.

He is rightly regarded as the greatest ever player to have worn the green and white Hoops and he was part of the club's golden era under Jock Stein.

1952

Celtic were involved in a nine-goal thriller with Third Lanark back in 1954, and they had Charlie Tully to thank for a last-minute strike which gave the Hoops a 5-4 victory in front of a crowd of 30,000 at Celtic Park.

The Celts took a 14th-minute lead through Bertie Peacock but Thirds hit back with an equaliser just two

STAN VARGA



BOBBY LENNOX



JOCK STEIN



minutes later. And the visitors added a second just after the half-hour mark to go in 2-1 up at half-time.

However, after the break there was a veritable goals blitz. Jim Lafferty equalised five minutes into the second half before two quick goals from Thirds gave them a 4-2 lead.

But Celtic refused to give up and netted three times inside the last 20 minutes. Jimmy Walsh scored on 72 minutes before an own goal three minutes later drew Celtic level.

And the stage was set for the great Charlie Tully to fire home the winner in the last minute and send the Hoops fans home happy.

1924

Kilmarnock were hit for six on this day in 1924, with the goals coming from Paddy Connolly, Peter Wilson and an incredible four goals from Willie Fleming.

What made that goalscoring feat all the more impressive was the fact that it was Fleming's debut, having signed from

Vale of Leven at the start of the season.

He would only play one season for Celtic, making 19 appearances and scoring a total of 10 goals before moving on to Ayr United, where he moved back to the heart of their defence.

1890

Celtic's first action on this day saw them travel to Dundee to take on Our Boys in a Scottish Cup tie back in 1890

And the new Glasgow club, only competing in their second season, emerged as 3-1 winners thanks to goals from Johnny Coleman and a double from Barney Crossan.

Dundee Our Boys would only last a further three years before they merged with Dundee East End to form Dundee FC.

They played in dark blue colours which were adopted by the new team and which Dundee still play in 'til this day.

HELLO

- 1656** Sir Edmond Halley, the first person to calculate comet's orbit (Halley's Comet), is born.
1900 Margaret Mitchell, author of *Gone With the Wind*, is born.

GOODBYE

- 1308** Blessed John Duns Scotus, who was born in Scotland, dies in Cologne.
1978 American artist Norman Rockwell dies at the age of 84.

TIMELINE

- 1864** Abraham Lincoln is elected to his second term as President.
1966 Actor Ronald Reagan is elected governor of California.

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| 1962 | The Tornados | <i>Telstar</i> |
| 1967 | The Bee Gees | <i>Massachusetts</i> |
| 1972 | Lieutenant Pigeon | <i>Mouldy Old Dough</i> |
| 1977 | Abba | <i>Name of the Game</i> |
| 1982 | Culture Club | <i>Do You Really Want To Hurt Me</i> |
| 1987 | The Bee Gees | <i>You Win Again</i> |
| 1992 | Boyz II Men | <i>End of the Road</i> |
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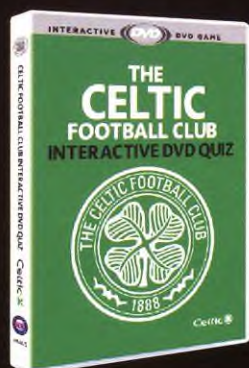
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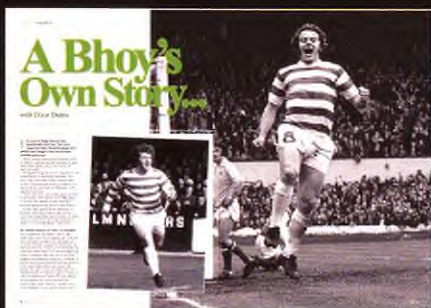
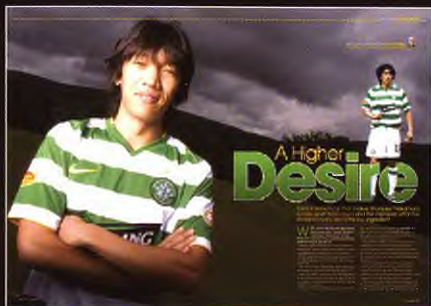
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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

October 27, 2007: Scott McDonald celebrates one of his three goals.



CELTIC and Motherwell meet for the 283rd time today and 238 of the previous games were league encounters, of which the Hoops have won 141.

Victories in the cup competitions takes Celtic's winning tally to 166 while there have been 63 draws and 53 wins for the Lanarkshire side.

The most recent of those wins came last season and looked a cert to upset Celtic's championship appellation.

Gordon Strachan and the players had other ideas though and, as we are about to recall, games between today's sides were fundamental in last season's title rollercoaster.

Celtic 3-0 Motherwell

(McDonald 42, 59 & 88 pen)

October 27, 2007, Celtic Park

THIS was probably Celtic's most straightforward win over the Steelmen last season with former Fir Park favourite Scott McDonald destroying his one-time team-mates with a timely hat-trick.

Just before the break, on the hour-mark and right at the end with a penalty took the striker to the 11-goal mark with six of those coming from two hat-tricks - the other coming a

month earlier against Dundee United.

The comprehensive 3-0 win over Motherwell rounded off the first segment of the campaign, with Celtic having faced all 11 SPL teams.

At that point the Celts had won eight, drawn one and lost two to sit at the top of the league - three points ahead of Rangers and Dundee United.

Celtic 0-1 Motherwell

April 5, 2008, Celtic Park

A WEEK earlier, the Celts had lost to Rangers and all-but saw the three-in-a-row bubble burst but Gordon Strachan steadfastly proclaimed that the men in green and white would do everything they could to win the remaining eight games and claim the title.

A 33rd-minute goal from Simon Lappin seemed to knock that on the head and even Bob Malcolm being red-carded not long after the break could stop Celtic falling to their first home league defeat of the season - just when they needed a win the most.

The loss left Celtic seven points behind Rangers with only seven games left to play.

Considering that two of those games were against Rangers, two were against the Motherwell side that had just beat the Hoops, one was against an Aberdeen side who knocked the Celts out of the Scottish Cup, one was against Hibs who had already beaten Celtic that season and the other was against Dundee United who had recently earned a 0-0 in the East End - things weren't looking good.

Motherwell 1-4 Celtic

(McManus 17, McDonald 30, Vennegoor of Hesselink 43 & 57)
April 13, 2008, Celtic Park

THINGS began to look even worse just a week later when a Stephen McManus own-goal cancelled out his earlier opener as Celtic visited Fir Park in a must-win game.

Scott McDonald put the Hoops back in front on the half-hour mark and Dutch striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink made it 3-1 just before the break.

The man with the biggest name in Scottish football made it 4-1 shortly after the turnaround and Celtic had won the first of those seven games.

However, two derby games against Rangers sandwiched a visit from Aberdeen before Celtic would travel to Fir Park once more.

April 13, 2008: Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink celebrates one of his two goals.



May 3, 2008: Georgios Samaras celebrates his goal.



The Celts racked up a magnificent nine points on those three games though, and travelled down the road to Motherwell in a buoyant mood.

Motherwell 1-2 Celtic

(McDonald 62, Samaras 79)
May 3, 2008, Fir Park

SHARING Fir Park with Gretna didn't exactly do the Motherwell playing surface any favours and by this time in the season it was 'bobbly' to say the least...

And Celtic's title aspirations seemed decidedly wobbly as the Lanarkshire side once more chose to fling a spanner into the Celtic works.

This time the culprit was Chris Porter who headed the home side ahead after an hour's play and that buoyant mood dissipated somewhat.

Celtic's response was immediate and no sooner had the game restarted than Shunsuke Nakamura was lifting a ball in to the back post where Scott McDonald got above his man and headed past Luke Daniels.

Minutes later Georgios Samaras replaced Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink and the Greek striker was to prove the hero when he stooped to head in a Barry Robson corner and give Celtic another three vital points.

The following day Rangers who hadn't won a league game since they beat Celtic in March, would draw 0-0 with Hibs - leaving Celtic seven points ahead with two games to go while the Ibrox side had five games to play - the rest is magical history.



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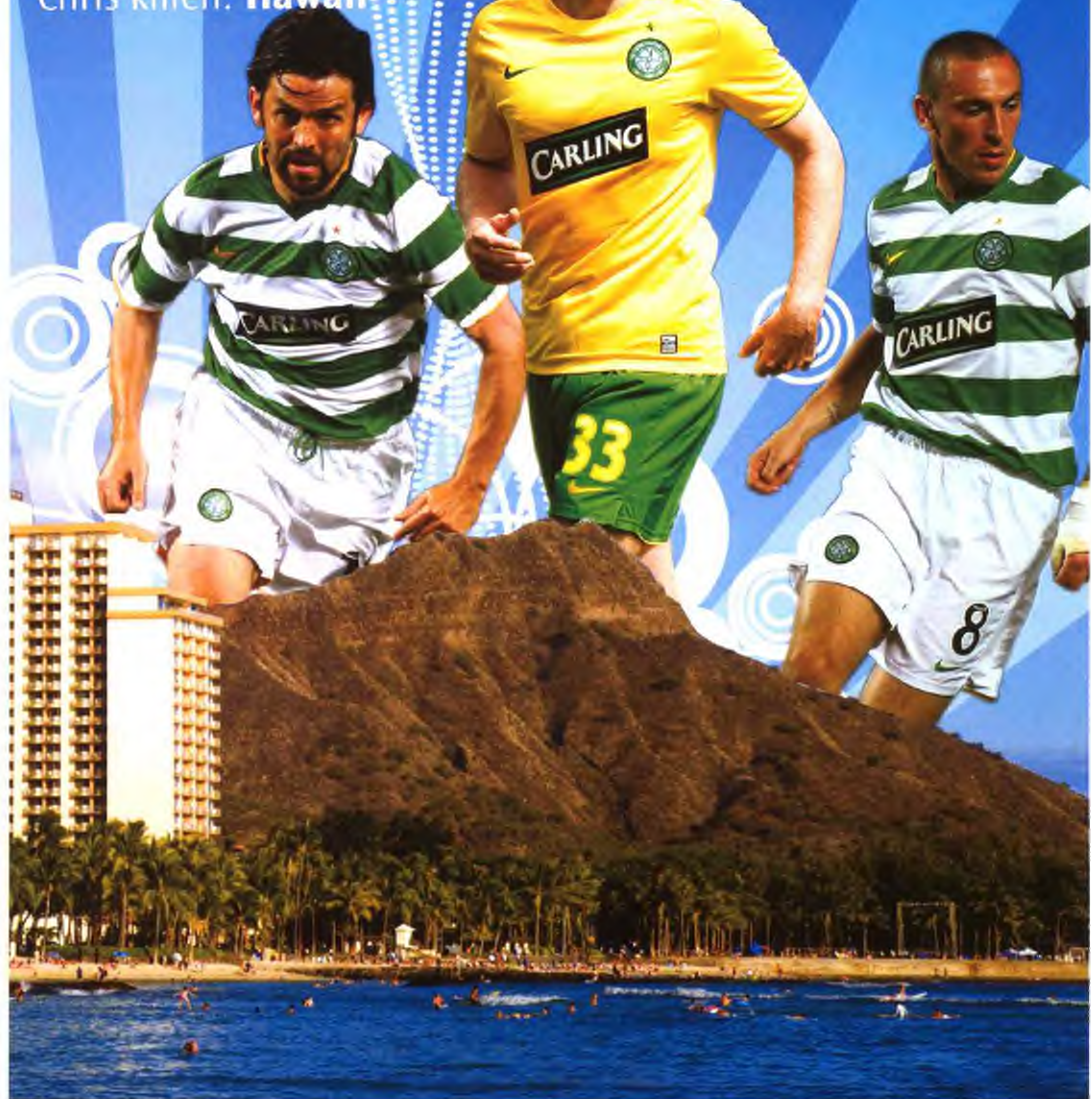
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THE A-Z OF A CELTIC CAREER

...JIM CRAIG

A is for Athlete. You were a keen 'track and field' man during your University days. Did you ever consider a career in athletics?

Not really, I was just a pretty average long-jumper. I won the Glasgow Schools' long jump and was second in the Scottish Schools' triple jump. I then represented Scotland against England and Wales in Cardiff in 1961. I was sixth and last in the event and it was won by a guy called Lynn Davies, who went on to win Gold in the long jump in the Tokyo Olympics. I actually played a season as an amateur at Celtic that year, mostly in the third team. I didn't used to train with the team and stayed with my parents at the top of Craigton Road at the time. I used to belt round Bellahouston Park for training at night and that was my training. But later it stood me in good stead, because I was able to maintain a good level of performance for 90 minutes.

B is for Big stage. The bigger the game, the better the performance. You seemed to enjoy the pressure that went with key matches?

I could have a nightmare against East Fife, but the more pressure you put me under, I was inspired to do well. You can pick faults in anybody's career, but on a big day I don't think I really let anyone down. That's what you are in football for, to be there on the big occasion and I would stress that to all the players today. We had a League Cup game the other week and you could hear the fans saying, 'it's only the League Cup'. They won't be saying that come the final and that has to be the attitude of fans and players, that we want our club to be at every big occasion. It's one of my life's ambitions to see Celtic back competing in a UEFA Champions League final before I knock off this earth. That's my all-time ambition.

C is for Channel 67. How do you enjoy your work as a presenter on the club's online TV channel?

Very much so. It brings it home to you just how remarkable an organisation Celtic is. We get e-mails from all over the world and gradually my geography of the world is improving! To have a supporters' club in Baku, Azerbaijan, who would ever have guessed that? We have supporters in Dubai, all over America, Australia and I once made the mistake of saying that we only had one supporters' club in New Zealand

and boy, did I get my knuckles rapped when the e-mails came in from all over New Zealand. It's remarkable and I think we provide a really good service, you get emails thanking you for letting them see the game from all over.

D is for Dentist. How difficult was it to combine a career in dentistry and life as a professional footballer?

It was difficult to begin with, but one thing about football is that you sometimes have a lot of free time on your hands. People say that you should be back in training in the afternoons and that in theory is fine, but you have to remember that training twice a day tires you out and your main job is to be fit to play. If the team is winning and playing twice a week, as we invariably were back then, playing 50 to 60 games, you do not need that much training. I came to an arrangement with the boss that I worked a couple of afternoons in the surgery twice a week and both he and my dental boss, were quite flexible about it.

E is for Eccentric. Who was the most 'peculiar' character you have played alongside?

There's a few and football thrives on eccentrics. I'll leave players and managers out of this one and just say that some of the fans you meet are something else. I was in Australia with Billy McNeill in 1999 and went for a walk around the centre of Perth. I was standing at the traffic lights and this guy appeared beside me, he said, 'remember me Jim? We played in the same Glasgow Schools team in 1956'. This was 1999! That's the eccentric little things you encounter, although I've worked with some very eccentric managers and coaches over the years and I'll keep their stories to myself!

F is for Final. Your last game for the club was in the 6-1 thrashing of Hibs in the 1972 Scottish Cup final. Were you pleased to end your playing career here on a high?

It was great. The day before we had stayed at the Marine Hotel rather than Seamill and had gone for a walk along the edge of the golf course, along the sand-dunes. Jock told us all to take a seat and announced the team and said, 'this is Cairney's last' 🐾



game for the club, because he's leaving us next week. I hadn't mentioned it to anybody and there was a general consternation and everybody was determined to give me a good send off. It really was a wonderful way to end your career. However, my favourite domestic final was in 1969, where we beat Rangers 4-0. In the weeks leading up to that game the papers, who were a wee bit pro-Rangers at the time, were saying that we weren't a good side and that resurgent Rangers were going to do well. I was the first one down for breakfast the day of the game and Jock was sitting reading the *Express*. He picked up the paper, slapped it against my chest and showed me an article which said 'Orjan Persson will be too quick for Jim Craig'. We went out that afternoon and this is not a nice thing to say, but we kicked them off the park before we started playing football. We went into a battle and were three-up by half-time.

G is for Goals. You seemed to have a penchant for hitting the net in cup games....

The curious thing was that I had scored a lot of goals as a player at school and afterwards, when I was playing for Queen's Park Victoria, with me at centre-forward and Andy Roxburgh at inside right. Between us we scored a lot of goals. I then arrived at Celtic Park and Billy McNeill was up for every corner, so I stayed back. Tommy Gemmell pinched the ball for every penalty and either Gemmell, Bobby Murdoch or Bertie Auld pinched it for free kicks, so I never got a chance there either! My confidence eventually dropped and it's strange how that happened. One night I was playing for the reserves, coming back from injury and was moved up front to give me a bit more running around to test my ankle. I went out, scored a couple of goals and halfway through the first-half somebody asked Neilly Mochan, 'who's the big centre forward?' And Neilly turned to them and said, 'Cairney, this man Craig'. And that's where the nickname came from!

H is for Hampden. Like the rest of the Lions you didn't get many chances to play in the dark blue of Scotland at the national stadium. How do you look back on your international career?

I was a wee bit unfortunate in that we had just returned from South America and I, along with a few others, had picked a bug. After 15 minutes in a game I kept feeling like I was going to be sick. I wasn't enjoying it and I was doing things like passing it when I would normally run it, just to get rid of the ball. I had won a call-up for Scotland and decided to play, but was feeling hellish and just didn't enjoy it. I never got another chance, because in those days there were fewer internationals. Nowadays you seldom get just one chance, but I, like many others, only got one and it was most unlike me to play poorly on a big occasion, but I had felt hellish all night. Scotland did want to take me to Romania and Bulgaria in 1970, but Jock wanted me to go on tour to America and that was it.

I is for Injuries. The trainers had a few unusual ways of treating players in your playing days....

Hot water, cold water and a heat lamp were really it. It was really primitive. I had torn my ligaments once and the trainer filled a tub with hot water and asked me to put my foot in it. I put my toe in and said, 'I can't put my foot in there, it's boiling!' So he took the big hosepipe they used to fill the bath and fired it at my ankle. Now I was crying and he told me to put my foot in, which by now was numb with the cold. Then I felt the hot coming through and took my foot out and he repeated it a few times. I was fit enough to play the following Saturday, but when I took my sock off, half my skin lifted off with the burn. Compared to the treatment they get nowadays it was primitive to say the least.

J is for Jock. What was he like to work with?

He really liked the 'master-servant' relationship, which was a problem for me, because by the time I joined I was a fourth-year student and was being told, 'if you get yourself in a hole, get yourself out of it'. Then when I went to Celtic Park I was told, 'you don't make the decisions, that's my job'. That was quite difficult and on a personal basis, there was a wee edge. But without Jock none of it would have been possible. He was extremely good at what he did and never lost track of the idea that the game was about scoring goals at one end and not losing them at the other. People talk about 3-5-2, 4-5-1 and Christmas Trees today, but it's all just a way of making sure that you score at one end and don't concede at the other. Jock never forgot that and he always insisted that everyone put in a shift. You just cannot underestimate his value to Celtic.

K is for Kurt Tschenscher. What does that name mean to you today?

Incompetence. That's got to be one of the worst decisions ever! Renato Cappellini was a left-footed player going down the inside



right channel and it doesn't take a genius to work out that he was going to pull it back on to his left, so I just timed my run so that when he did that, I would be across his path. I never thought that the referee would give a decision like that, so early on in a cup final. My Dad was in Lisbon for the game, sitting in the stand with my Uncle Philip and when the penalty was given, he turned to him and said: 'I've come all this way, just to see that!'

L is for Lay-off. Did your assist for Tommy Gemmell's equaliser in the Lisbon final make up for that penalty call?

(Laughs) I was very fortunate to get the opportunity to do so and I was delighted when the ball hit the back of the net. I would have kissed him, but it is Gemmell we're talking about!

M is for Manager. Did you ever fancy going into a career in club management?

Not really. It's all-embracing, takes up all your time and every club manager says that they don't see much of their families. It just wasn't for me, so I decided against that.

N is for Nernesis. Who was your toughest opponent?

The guy who consistently was a tough opponent was Willie Johnstone. I was fortunate enough to play against some really top names and a lot of teams had good wingers in those days, but Willie was really consistent and very direct. That meant he was always coming at you, which left you with two things to do, either run him or tackle him. That was his way of playing and it made life very difficult for a full-back. The other guy I didn't like playing against was a guy called Fred Aitken, who used to play for St Johnstone. He was as tall as me, but heavier and was big, cumbersome and was never sure himself what he was going to do with the ball when he got it. I couldn't read him either, but fortunately, with his lack of pace, if he beat me I could generally catch him.

O is for Owl. How did you enjoy your time at Sheffield Wednesday?

I was very seldom injured at Celtic Park, it was mainly all minor stuff. But when I went to Sheffield Wednesday all my injuries arrived at once. I had got myself really fit to play in the first team when I was out with Elisabeth and our son, Mark, who was about six weeks old at the time. I went into the boot, lifted Mark's pram out and locked my back in one movement. It had never happened before and I was in agony. Elisabeth wanted to drive home, but I was hanging on to the gates of the cathedral and told her, just leave me here, I'll get home eventually! I was in agony. Everything hit me, one thing after another and it was a shame, because it was really interesting to be there, among a great crowd of guys. Looking back, I had played a season in Scotland, played for the summer season in South Africa and then joined Wednesday without a break. It was just too much.

P is for Playground. What was it like playing for Glasgow's most talented school team?

They weren't all in my team, but we had great players at St Gerard's. There was Joe McBride and Ian Lockhead, who was also a few years older than me and played a few games in the Celtic first team. Big Peter Catterson went on to play for Kilmarnock and Third Lanark, while Brian Quinn's brother Barry was in my year. I actually wrote a letter to Alex Ferguson about something where I mentioned Pirrie Park, where we played our games. I got a letter back with a whole page, talking about our games there. We shared it with Govan High and those games were like mini-Celtic v Rangers contests. I remember Fergie back then and he was the same then as he was as a pro, all elbows, but a good player, often underestimated. Schools football was terrific and I have so much respect for the teachers who run it, because it really is a labour of love for them and every player owes them a debt of gratitude.

Q is for Quintuple. You won the league, the European Cup, Scottish Cup, League Cup and Glasgow Cup in 1967, a clean sweep of honours. How do you look back on season 1966/67?

It was a fantastic time and everything worked for us. We had a fantastically small pool of players and there were only about 15 or 16 players used that whole season. It's remarkable, especially when you think that now the rotation system is the norm. The record, from 1965 up to '74, was amazing. But there is one other award worth mentioning and you can't leave out the *Quiz Ball*, we won that twice!

R is for Rebellion. You were involved behind the scenes when the ownership of the club changed hands in the '90s. How do you look back on that time in Celtic history?

It was needed. The club was going nowhere and those running the club believed that they had a divine right to be directors. That might work if everything's alright but things weren't going well at all and everybody knew that. In those days you needed 10 shares to have a vote at the AGM and in those days there were a lot of people with eight or nine and they could attend, but couldn't vote. They were disenfranchising a lot of shareholders and needed changed. I have no hesitation in saying that I was very pleased with what I got involved in and was happy to play a part in bringing the old guard down and since then, I think that Celtic have gone from strength to strength.

S is for South Africa. You spent a brief spell there as a player, on and off the park. Was it a culture shock? The thought police told me I shouldn't go but I went out there to see what it was like and I would say it was fascinating and appalling. What I did discover was that there were a lot of white South Africans who were working very hard to change

the system from within, like my boss at the time who treated people the same irrespective of their colour. I had friends there, who worked in the same building as me as a caretaker and had a degree from one of the black universities and we used to go to the racing, but had to go in through separate doors, stand at separate bars and go to different windows. It was absolutely crazy and thank God it's gone, but it was fascinating to see it even for five months.

T is for Team-mate. You and the Lions are more like brothers than team-mates. How do you view the close bond you have?

It's a remarkable thing that we have always got on so well together, it truly is. From my point of view I was going in as a student, from this alien world, Jinky thought that all the lectures were in Latin, but I was accepted right away. It's genuinely remarkable.

U is for unbelievable. What was the best goal you have ever seen?

Maradona's goal against England, after the run from the halfway line, was truly astonishing. It had a bit of everything, pace, power, strength and ability and the most casual finish. That would be my international goal. For my Celtic goal, despite Bert Konterman's attempts to stop him, Henrik's goal in the 6-2 game was just a touch of class.

V is for voodoo. Did you have any rituals or superstitions?

I had none. When I first joined Celtic there was a big bathroom area with just one shower and one WC, which Clarke (John Clark) was usually occupying! One day he came out, looked at me and went straight back in again! There was a little bottle on the window ledge and I saw some of the older players taking a wee sip from it, it turned out it was brandy, to steady the nerves. There'd be people walking around putting their shorts on last and others not putting their shirt on to the last possible minute. Now if you look at the old pictures, you'll see that I always came out second last, but that had nothing to do with me. Bobby Murdoch came out last and wanted me in front of him, that was his superstition, I only did it to please him!

W is for wing-back. UEFA recently identified you and Tommy Gemmell as the first attacking full-backs. What was your playing philosophy at the time?

Our first job was to defend, but having said that, when we got the ball we ran at them. You have to make it a physical contest as well as a football contest, because then it becomes a question of stamina. Can they outlast me? Fitness was crucially important and you'd hear their wingers getting shouted at to come back and cover. Full-backs get a lot of space and it's up to us to use it.

X is for X-Factor. Who was the most naturally talented player you worked with?

Jinky was something else. He could pull the ball out of the air with the toe of his boot and do a wee shimmy in the same movement. Thankfully I didn't play against him too often, because after training we played a game between the bibs and non-bibs. You were allocated one or the other at the start of the season and wouldn't change sides, even if you were four men down. The games were a maximum of two touches and were paced at a colossal pace. They were the quickest games you played all season and jinky was a wonderfully talented player.

Y is for Yawn. Which team-mate did you room with?

I was in with Tam Gemmell and Tam was good, a really interesting guy and we always got on well. It didn't change very often, you stayed with the one person and after Tam left I was in with Stevie Chalmers. Since then I've roomed with everybody and we now try to mix it up. The most fascinating room-mate is Joe McBride. You can be sitting at night-time, having a chat and Joe will fall asleep mid-sentence. I know I can be boring, but that takes the biscuit! He just drops off and the first time it happened I thought he'd taken the huff and wasn't speaking to me!

Z is for Zenith. What would you say is your proudest achievement?

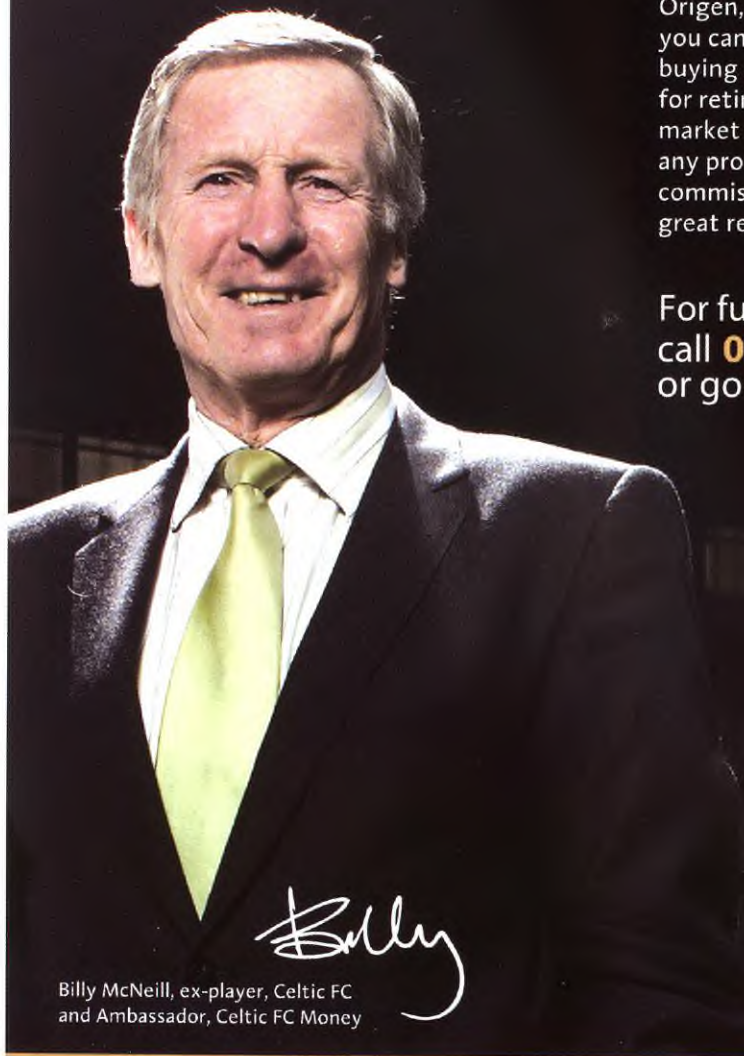
You have to separate football from your personal life and in football it would have to be being a part of a Celtic squad which did so well back then. Not just Lisbon, which has to be the peak of anyone's career, but to have been part of that group is a real privilege. It was an honour and a great experience and it is a privilege to go through life as a Lisbon Lion. I was in a hotel in London once and went into the pool, where Paul Gascoigne was. He was a Rangers player at the time and when I introduced myself he said, 'it's a Lisbon Lion!' I was really taken aback as he had no reason to remember. It's remarkable how the name has gone through the ages.



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DRAWING STRENGTH

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: DAVID FRIEL

DEFENDER JASON MARR STRUCK OUT WITH THE FRONT LINE AS HE MOVED AHEAD TO HELP THE RESERVES CONJURE UP A DRAW FROM A GAME THEY SHOULD HAVE HAD IN THE BAG

BEN HUTCHINSON maybe didn't realise it at the time but he was upholding the finest traditions of Celtic Football Club when he stroked home an injury-time penalty to give the reserves a 2-2 draw against Hibernian on Monday.

The type of never-say-die attitude showed by Willie McStay's youngsters has long been associated with the club. Indeed, Gordon Strachan's senior stars have pulled off many a late late show over the past three-and-a-half years.

Celtic supporters, however, will be delighted to learn that the stars of tomorrow are following in the footsteps of the first-team. As the clock ticked down at Almondvale on Monday, the young Celts dug deep to snatch a draw from the jaws of defeat.

In the thick of the action was central defender Jason Marr. The 19-year-old was starting only his third competitive game since returning from injury, but played his part as Celtic secured a vital point.

match they dominated almost from start to finish. In the first period, Hibs only had one effort on target but were somehow drawing 1-1 at the break.

Conversely, Hibs goalkeeper Andy McNeil was having one of those afternoons. He had picked the ball out of the net after 120 seconds when Hutchinson lashed home the opener for Celtic, but then decided to become Superman for the day.

For the next 88 minutes, McNeil was exceptional. Celtic peppered his goal with countless efforts but the goalkeeper pulled off save after save. Marr admits he was left scratching his head when Celtic found themselves trailing 2-1 going into injury-time.

He said: "I thought we played really well. Our first-half performance was excellent and we created a lot of chances. To get the early goal was great and we kept up the pressure.

"We just couldn't kill Hibs off and we were nearly heavily punished at the end. I think we were all a bit stunned to be behind.

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"Willie was delighted with the desire we showed to fight our way back into the game and get the late draw," said Marr, as he spoke to the Matchday Programme.

"It looked as if everything was going Hibs' way. We had pounded them for long spells and there we were going into injury-time losing 2-1.

"But we kept plugging away. At this club, you are expected to go right to the final whistle and we got our break when Ben scored the penalty. In the circumstances, it was a good point to get."

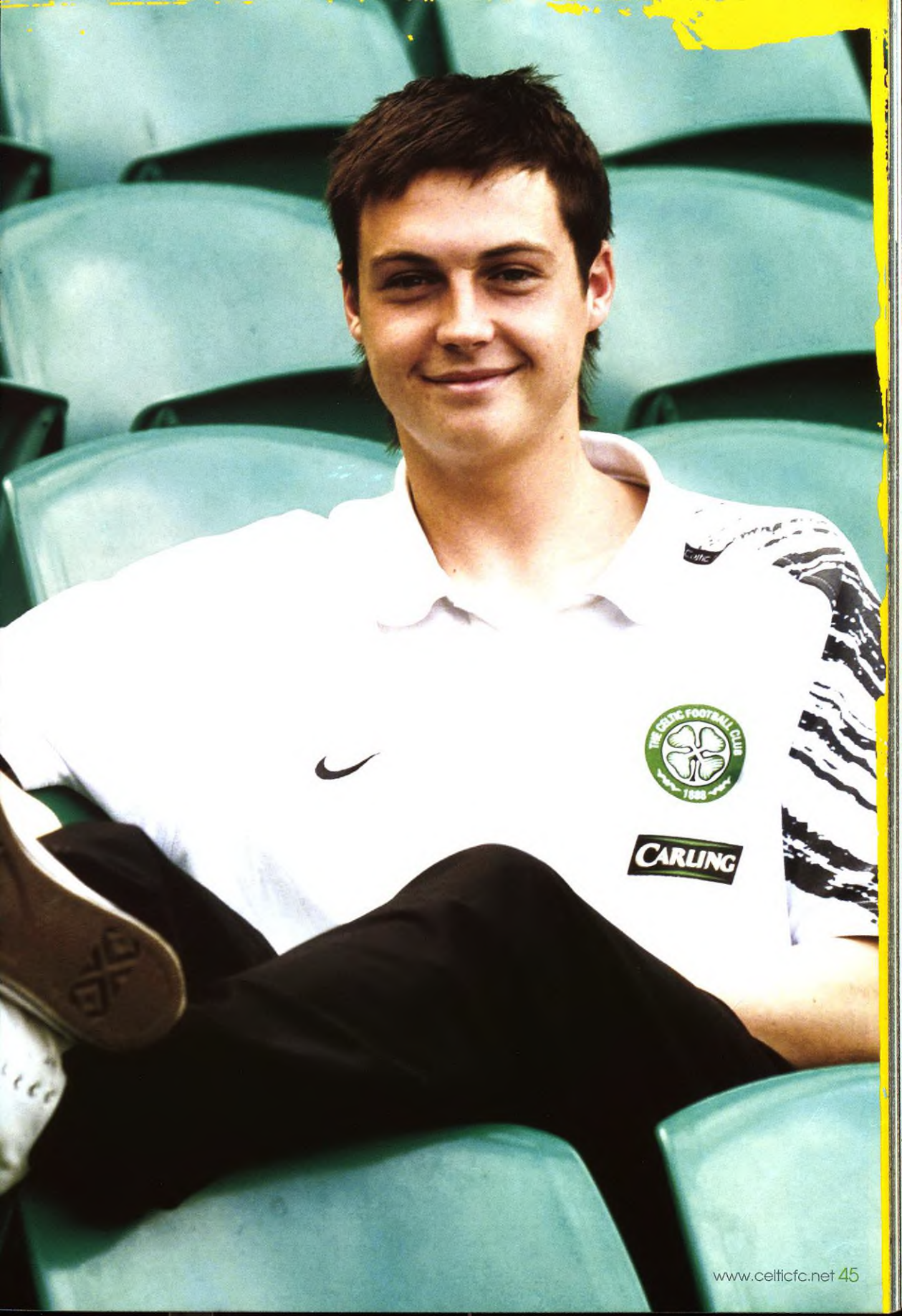
In truth, Celtic deserved more than just a draw from a

"Our football in the first half was a joy to watch. All over the pitch, we were passing and moving. There was a lot of one-touch stuff going on and we had Hibs pinned back for long spells.

"Maybe we were trying a bit too hard to score the perfect goal. Sometimes, we could have maybe taken a shot and been more clinical.

"Their two goals were exactly the same and that was a real disappointment for me. Their striker (Steven Pinau) was a handful but we should have dealt with him better at the goals.

"Because we didn't kill them off, it was a bit frantic"



towards the end. We were all pushing forward and just trying to get balls into the box.

"For a little while, we lost our way and were getting on at each other. That didn't help, but we got back to basics and our reward came with that late equaliser.

"Their goalkeeper was exceptional though. It was probably one of the best games he's had in his life. He was pulling saves from everywhere, but thankfully we managed to get the penalty at the end."

Was it a spot-kick? The Hibs players remonstrated with the referee but there was no doubt that Paul McGowan was chopped as he looked to turn in the box. Marr said his initial feeling was one of relief.

"It was a definite penalty and I just made my way back to the halfway line when it was given," he said. "I was confident Ben would score and just relieved to get the draw."

On a personal note, Marr is happy to finally get his season on track after missing the start of the campaign through injury. It's been a frustrating time for the defender but he is now edging towards full fitness.

He said: "I was delighted to get another 90 minutes. I played 70 minutes against Spurs and Hamilton, and then I've managed the full games against Inverness and Hibs.

"I think I'm getting closer to where I want to be in terms of fitness and the running has helped as well. I'm just delighted to back playing.

"I'm playing catch-up at the moment. The boys have all been flying from the start of the season but it all starts for me now and I need to work extra hard to get to the level they are at.

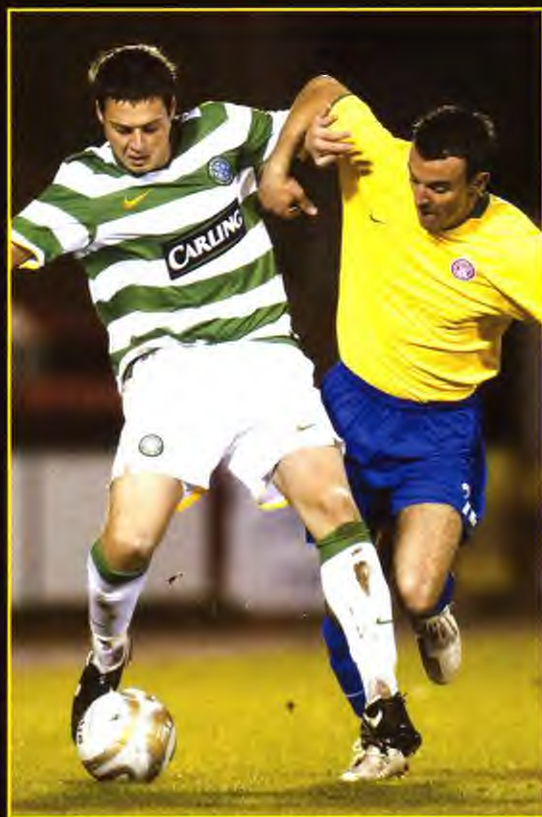
"It's never easy on the sidelines and when I first started back training, I could tell the boys were that bit sharper than me, but I'm getting there. There are loads of games coming up and that will help me."

Marr has been in and around the reserve team for the last year, but this campaign marks his first season as a fully-fledged member of McStay's squad.

On the basis of his last few performances, he will handle the step up without any problems and the player seems content with his progress.

"I was training and playing with the reserves from early on last season and that has helped this term," he said.

"I knew what to expect and I knew how high the standard was. In the last few games, I've played alongside Danny Lafferty and that's been good. We played in defence for the youths last season and we're both enjoying the new challenge."



SUPER DISPLAY BUT DRAW DISMAY

WILLIE McSTAY has hailed his Celtic reserves for the resilience and desire they showed in the 2-2 draw with Hibernian on Monday.

The young Hoops dominated the match at Almondvale but the Celtic coach watched in horror as Hibs moved into a 2-1 lead through Steven Pinou's double.

However, with the match into injury-time, Ben Hutchinson scored a penalty to earn Celtic the point they deserved from the match.

McStay said: "Our first-half performance was probably our best of the season. We were up against a really strong Hibs team but there was a real pace and energy about our play.

"I couldn't have asked for any more, other than a second goal to kill off Hibs. The Hibs equaliser was their first shot on goal and they didn't have many more efforts in the second half, but we found ourselves 2-1 down.

"Ultimately, we have drawn the game 2-2 and Mark Brown really hasn't made a save in the whole match. It was strange.

"For the sake of the boys, I was delighted that we got the equaliser. Full marks to them for keeping going and making sure we took something from the game. We showed real character and desire."



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CELTIC YOUTH ACADEMY

WHEN Chris McCart was offered the job at Celtic Football Club as Head of the Youth Academy, he offered me the chance to join him and become a coach with the Under-17s.

I was not surprised to hear Chris was offered the job at Celtic since he did an excellent job for years as Motherwell's Head of Youth.

I was very excited and happy when I received the call from Chris and delighted with my return to Scotland.

Chris and I go back a long way and have known each other for 15 years, and played together at Motherwell, besides being a very good man, he's a good professional, determined, ambitious and successful person.

Anyway I was delighted to be back in Scotland and also for my family as both my sons were born here.

I've worked for the past five years with Serbia's biggest

club, Red Star Belgrade, in their Youth Academy which is one of the best in all of former Yugoslavia.

Coming to Celtic I will continue to work hard and help bring through talented young players in the best Celtic tradition.

I truly believe that my huge experience as a player and coach will be significant for the youngsters at Celtic and I hope that my slightly different and more continental approach of football will be an added bonus.

Together I am working with George McCluskey and Bill Reside. George as you will all know is a former Celtic player who is a legendary striker at the club and played for Celtic for 10 years, winning four league medals, the Scottish Cup and two League Cup medals, and he is working hard to pass on his vast experience and knowledge to the players.

Bill Reside has over eight years experience in working



UNDER-17s

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within the Youth Academy at Motherwell and his capabilities and experience are also important as we all try to develop the young players to be all they can be.

As coaches we have a good understanding and enjoy working together and have an excellent relationship as a team.

The overall aim for us as coaches is to develop as many players as possible into our Under-19s and reserve team and hope that they will ultimately go on to become regular first-team players.

At Under-17 level our priority is not to be top of a league table or to win matches at any cost, but to develop players that are technically and tactically ready as well as physically fit to match the demands of modern game.

We are all trying to stamp our individual and collective personalities on to these young players, hopefully helping them to achieve their ambition and dream of signing a full-time contract with Celtic Football Club.

At this stage we are still trying to teach players technical and positional aspects of the game, as Scottish boys are already born with the desire, passion and temperament to win, we are continually installing in each player the

importance of the many different aspects and approaches to the game.

The Under-17 season began with a pre-season visit to Ukraine where, once again, Celtic were invited to participate in the Braguin Tournament which took place for the 13th time this year in Donetsk.

The tournament involved other great teams such as FC Porto, PSV Eindhoven, Olympiakos, FC Zenit Saint Petersburg, Shakhtar Donetsk, FC Copenhagen and FC Parma.

This year the Under-17s finished fourth overall which has been our best placing so far, after a tightly contested semi-final against Olympiakos who eventually went on to win the tournament.

This gave our players the opportunity to play in one of Europe's best football competitions where we gained some valuable experience. It is not every day you get an opportunity like this to play against other elite teams from other European leagues.

The squad consists of 19 players of which five are currently training full-time with the Under-19s, players representing their country at international level and also includes eight players currently under-16.

Halfway through the season with only a few games now remaining until the winter break, the Under-17s' term is improving as time goes by.

Already there has been a big difference in the boys' technical and understanding aspects of the game, and more individual training and hard work will improve and develop them even better.

The Squad

Goalkeepers:

Robbie Thomson, Andrew Kennedy and Connor Fairley.

Defenders:

Lewis Toshney, John Young, Jordon Foster, Grant Mosson, Jordan Lowdon, Michael Lynch and Kieran Brennan.

Midfield:

Stephen McDonnell, Craig Taylor, Kieran MacDonald, Laurie Donald, Liam Madden, Callum Bagshaw and Callum MacGregor

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CELTIC NEWS

CELTS ENJOY A TASTE OF SUCCESS

GLENN Loovens paid a visit to the kitchen at Lennoxton last week to make a special presentation to head chef, Brian Graham.

Because Brian and his team have won a Healthy Living Award, accredited with the Scottish Executive, and Celtic are the first club to receive such an award.

The catering team are responsible for serving up breakfast and lunch every day for the first-team, reserves and youth players, and it's a massive task working almost round the clock to fit in with the various team schedules and tailor to the players' every need.

"This is excellent for us," said Brian, "because we are the first club in Scotland to have achieved the award.

"The award means that we are using low fats, low salts, very little sugar or saturated fats. There is also a high maintenance of fruits, starchy foods, which are very good for the players, as well as foods which are high in protein."

The Healthy Living Award extends beyond the realms of the first-team, which is why supporters have found such delicacies as dried fruit, baked potatoes, organic bread toasties and wholemeal pizzas on the half time menu at Celtic Park.

The criteria also extends to the Number Seven restaurant and hospitality areas at Celtic Park, where Brian and the team of chefs spend part of their working week, and this award is seen as a long-term commitment rather than a novelty twist to the menu.

And the chefs got the thumbs-up from Celtic's Dutch defender.

"It's brilliant here, really good," Glenn Loovens said. "Every day there's something different on the menu, so you can chose from different things and it's been really, really good. I've been impressed with it.

"The chefs here are part of the team and we see them every day, so you have a little connection with them as well. They travel with us, so they know exactly what they like and what we need."



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CELTIC NEWS

CELTIC LADIES LEADING THE WAY

CELTIC Ladies enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 victory last weekend against Hamilton thanks to goals from Leanne Crichton and a Pauline Hamill double.

The result keeps the Hoops top of the Scottish Women's Premier League, three points clear of second place Spartans.

Celtic dominated the game against Hamilton last Sunday though it took 25 minutes before the opening goal came. However, it was well worth the wait.

Karen Penglase floated over a free-kick and Hamill latched onto Julie Ferguson's downward header.

The forward showed all her class to coolly lift the ball over her shoulder in front of goal and fire her shot low into the net.

The Celts had already hit the woodwork through Suzanne Malone and Penglase then had a goal disallowed 10 minutes before half-time.

However, while it took until the 73rd minute to double the lead, Celtic continued to control the game, and only the woodwork denied them.

Then Hamill was sent through on goal by Scotland team-mate Jo Love and the experienced forward kept her composure to pass the ball into the net to make it 2-0 for the Hoops.

And the scoring was completed three minutes from time when Crichton converted a penalty after Jacqui Seagrave had been brought down.

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CELTIC	7	6	1	0	23	3	19
Spartans	6	5	1	0	22	6	16
Glasgow City	4	3	1	0	14	4	10
Hibernian	8	3	1	4	18	14	10
Kilmarnock	7	3	1	3	10	13	10
Aberdeen	8	3	0	5	14	14	9
Boroughmuir	8	2	2	4	9	23	8
Forfar Farmington	6	2	1	3	6	11	7
Dundee United	7	2	1	4	10	16	7
Raith Rovers	6	1	2	3	6	19	5
Hamilton Accies	7	1	1	5	6	15	4



CLUB INTRODUCE BLUETOOTH MESSAGING IN STADIUM

CELTIC are delighted to announce the introduction of Bluetooth messaging to fans within the stadium.

So far, access to this facility is limited to the lower tier concourse areas, with the upper tier and seating areas being completed by Christmas.

This facility allows the club to send fans content such as video clips, interview footage and information on the club

such as ticket release dates and special offers.

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CELTIC NEWS

THE OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHY OF CELTIC

New book captures the unique 'personality' and spirit of the club

A HISTORY book with a difference has hit the shelves and it's a first for Celtic - an official biography of the club.

The book *The Official Biography of Celtic: If You Know the History* by Graham McColl attempts to bring alive the history of the club, tackling the subject of Celtic as a personality and presenting a vibrant story that doesn't follow the normal chronological format of traditional history books.

It's a tough skill to pull off, particularly given the knowledgeable audience it is aimed at, but it is to the book, and the author's credit, that he does so successfully

The Official Biography of Celtic is an entertaining read that tells the story of the club from its humble beginnings right through to the global institution it is today.

But much more than just a history book, it also examines the various strands that make up what Graham McColl describes as "the personality" of Celtic.

More than just a straightforward footballing history, *The Official Biography of Celtic* uses interviews with former players, managers and fans, to capture the unique spirit of Celtic. It is an essential read for any supporter.

***The Official Biography of Celtic* is published in hardback by Headline Book Publishing (£18.99) and is now on sale, including all Celtic retail outlets and online at www.celticsuperstore.co.uk.**



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)

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WIN A TRIP FOR TWO TO NEW YORK

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.

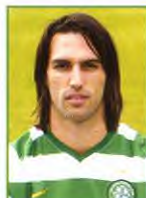


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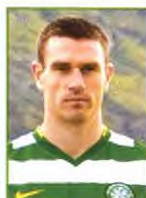
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ACTION REPLAY

HEARTS 0
CELTIC 2

CLYDESDALE BANK SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE, SUN, NOV 2, 2008

THE Celts maintained their challenge for a fourth successive title by picking up three vital points at what historically has been a difficult venue for visiting Hoops teams in the recent past.

The opener in the seventh minute was a truly stunning effort and no-one in the stadium looked more stunned than Hearts keeper Janos Balogh who seemed to do the right thing when he punched clear an Andreas Hinkel free-kick after Barry Robson had been felled.

His punch took the ball seemingly out of the danger area and fully 30 yards from goal but Shaun Maloney caught it sweet as a nut and returned it directly into the back of the net with a bullet-shot.

Gary Caldwell's second on the 20-minute mark may not have been as spectacular but it at least offered Celtic the luxury of missing a second-half penalty when Paul Hartley sclauffed wide.



MATCH STATS



GOAL ATTEMPTS

7 8

ON TARGET

4 3

OFF TARGET

3 5

FOULS

14 12

OFFSIDES

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HEARTS (4-4-2) Balogh; Zaliukas, Berra, Karipidis, Wallace; Cesnauskis (Mikoliunas 35), Aguiar (Palazuelos 78), Jonsson, Stewart, Driver; Nade (Mole 59) **SUBS NOT USED:** MacDonald, Makela, Thomson, Ksanavicius.

CELTIC (4-4-2) Boruc; Hinkel, Caldwell, McManus, Wilson; Maloney (McGeady 66), S Brown, Hartley, Robson (Donati 76); McDonald (McCourt 88), Sheridan. **SUBS NOT USED:** M Brown, O'Dea, Caddis, Nakamura.



ACTION REPLAY

CELTIC 1 MANCHESTER UNITED 1

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, WED, NOV 5, 2008

AFTER nearly 300 minutes of UEFA Champions League football this season, both Celtic and Manchester United experienced a first for the current campaign...

Just 13 minutes into one of the most eagerly anticipated games at Celtic Park for some time, Scott McDonald lobbed Ben Foster to net Celtic's first group stage goal this season and the Old Trafford side lost their first goal since winning the trophy in Moscow last term.

It was a valiant performance from the Celts with many instances of stalwart defending and their grit and determination looked like it would succeed until just six minutes from the end.

Ryan Giggs pounced as an Artur Boruc save from a Cristiano Ronaldo shot lined him up to head home the equaliser.



MATCH STATS



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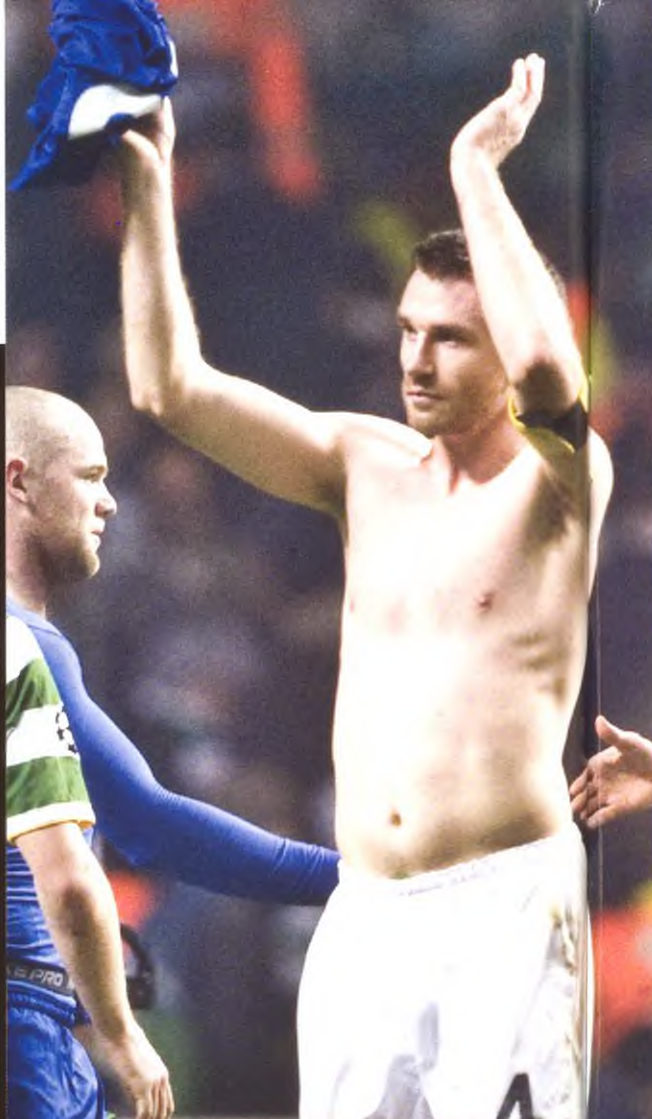
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CELTIC (4-4-2) Boruc; Hinkel, Caldwell, McManus, Wilson; Maloney (O'Dea 76), S Brown, Hartley, Robson; McDonald (Hutchinson 82), Sheridan (Donati 64). **SUBS NOT USED:** M Brown, Naylor, Caddis, Nakamura.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-3) Foster; Rafael (Evra 67), Ferdinand, Vidic, O'Shea; Carrick, Fletcher, Ronaldo; Nani (Berbatov 46), Tevez (Rooney 71), Giggs. **SUBS NOT USED:** Kuszczak, Anderson, Park, Evans.



KEY

- † Number of Goals scored
- Booked
- Sent Off
- Home games in bold
- 1st 2nd 3rd 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	11	9	1	1	29	13	28	+16
Rangers	11	8	2	1	26	10	26	+16
Dundee Utd	11	4	4	3	15	13	16	+2
Motherwell	11	5	1	5	16	16	16	0
Kilmarnock	11	5	1	5	11	12	16	-1
Hibernian	11	4	3	4	12	15	15	-3
Aberdeen	11	4	2	5	10	12	14	-2
Hearts	11	4	2	5	12	17	14	-5
St Mirren	11	3	3	5	8	11	12	-3
Falkirk	11	3	2	6	14	17	11	-3
Inverness CT	11	3	1	7	12	18	10	-6
Hamilton	11	3	0	8	10	21	9	-11



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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 MCGOWAN
CBPL	17 AUG	DUNDEE UNITED	1-1	11,648	BORUC HINKEL McMANUS CALDWELL WILSON NAKAMURA HARTLEY S BROWN McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK	M BROWN CADDIS CROSAS 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 CROSAS MALONEY KILLEN
CBPL	31 AUG	RANGERS	2-4	58,595	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS WILSON NAKAMURA HARTLEY S BROWN McGEADY MALONEY SAMARAS	M BROWN O'DEA CROSAS LOOVENS HUTCHINSON HESSELINK ROBSON
CBPL	13 SEP	MOTHERWELL	4-2	8,407	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR ROBSON CROSAS S BROWN MALONEY SAMARAS McDONALD	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 CROSAS McGEADY HESSELINK
CBPL	20 SEP	KILMARNOCK	3-1	8,111	BORUC WILSON McMANUS CALDWELL NAYLOR NAKAMURA CROSAS 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 CROSAS 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 HESSELINK SAMARAS	M BROWN LOOVENS CADDIS ROBSON CROSAS McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	04 OCT	HAMILTON ACCIES	4-0	55,881	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL McMANUS ROBSON NAKAMURA S BROWN CROSAS 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 CROSAS 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
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CBPL	16 NOV	HAMILTON ACCIES				
CBPL	22 NOV	ST MIRREN				
UEFA CL	25 NOV	AALBORG				
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	17 JAN	ABERDEEN				
CBPL	24 JAN	HIBERNIAN				
CIS	27/28 JAN	SEMI-FINAL				
CBPL	31 JAN	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-SPILT FIXTURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE



QUIZ

1. Which three men to have managed Celtic have also during their careers managed international sides?
2. Which team in September eliminated Motherwell from the UEFA Cup at the qualifying stage?
3. Since the Millennium, which two Swiss internationalists have played for Celtic?
4. Which team in October were the first to defeat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in 86 matches?
5. Who was the last player to score four goals for Celtic in a league match?
6. Which player scored in every round for Motherwell when they won the Scottish Cup in 1991?
7. Which Celt in the 1960s became the first Scottish-born player to play for the Republic of Ireland?
8. Which three countries have started their 2010 World Cup campaigns by winning all four of their opening matches?
9. In the last 15 years which two goalkeepers have played for Celtic and Chelsea?
10. Which Motherwell player last season was the only man to play in every minute of every game in the SPL?
11. Who was the first English internationalist to score for Celtic, doing so in October 1999 against Kilmarnock?
12. With which Scottish club did Motherwell manager Mark McGhee begin his professional career in 1975?
13. Who to date are the only three players to make over 500 appearances in the English Premiership?
14. Who was the last Motherwell player to score a winning goal against Celtic in a league match?
15. Who was the last Celtic player to score a competitive goal on his debut for the club?



ANSWERS 1. Jock Stein (Scotland); Dr Jo Venglos (Czechoslovakia); John Barnes (Jamaica). 2. FC Nancy. 3. Ramon Vega & Stephane Henchoz. 4. Liverpool, winning 1-0. 5. Maciej Zurawski 2005/06, Dunfermline 1-8 Celtic. 6. Steve Kirk. 7. Charlie Gallagher. 8. Spain, England & Holland. 9. Dimitri Kharine & Marcus Hedman. 10. Mark Reynolds. 11. Ian Wright. 12. Morton. 13. Gary Speed, David James & Ryan Giggs. 14. Simon Lappin 2007/08, Celtic 0-1 Motherwell. 15. Barry Robson v Aberdeen



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BOBO BALDE	6
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



MOTHERWELL

1	GRAEME SMITH
2	PAUL QUINN
3	STEVEN HAMMELL
4	MARK REYNOLDS
5	STEPHEN CRAIGAN
6	BRIAN McLEAN
7	STEPHEN HUGHES
8	ROBERT MALCOLM
9	CHRIS PORTER
10	DAVID CLARKSON
11	JOHN SUTTON
12	DARREN SMITH
14	KEITH LASLEY
15	JAMIE MURPHY
16	MARC FITZPATRICK
17	JAMES O'BRIEN
18	STEVEN McGARRY
19	GUNNAR NIELSEN
23	MARK ARCHDEACON
25	KENNY CONNOLLY
27	ROSS FORBES
29	RYAN WILSON
37	SHAUN HUTCHINSON

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